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Interior of the bank 1905

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Welcome

This compilation is not meant to be a history, nor yet a literary gem, but rather, a nostalgic review of the early days of Warsaw, and the splendid pioneers who had the vision and fortitude to make such a development possible. It is also a recognition of the responsibility which lies ahead to make the next one hundred and fifty years creditable ones.

We thank all who helped in any way to compile this information and for the use of pictures.

After the Celebration, let us accept the "good old days" as only a beginning of great future developments, and work together to make it a realization.

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The Great River Road

The overall project, "The Great River Road", conceived by A.T. Greensfelder of St. Louis in the 1930's, is to provide two roadway systems the entire length of the Mississippi River. The Road was planned, not as a mere highway, but rather, as a backbone to which would be attached many existing and proposed parks, historic sites, magnificent and breathtaking lookouts and vistas, roadside parks and rest areas, public boat launching ramps, wild life preserves, fishing and hunting areas, thousands of lakes, recreational areas, places where people can lose themselves among natures gifts and away from the tensions and problems of life.

States bordering the Mississippi have Scenic Parkway Commissions to further the project "Great River Road" and although it is presently hampered by lack of appropriation of funds, Illinois is no exception.

The 4.8 mile segment of "The Great River Road" which had been only a dotted line on the map for so many years, became a possibility on April 17, 1955. The occasion was a dinner stimulated by the enterprising and successful mayor of Nauvoo, the late Lowell Horton, in connection with the dedication of the Nauvoo-Hamilton Scenic Parkway segment at which Governor William Stratton was an honored guest. He assured more than 150 Warsaw citizens included among the guests, that he would do all in his power to further the extension of the Parkway to include the segment of the road between Hamilton and Warsaw.

In May of 1958, there was a public announcement of the possibility of the road and preliminary surveying of the road was started.

On July 29, 1958, a meeting of the citizens of Warsaw and Hamilton was held to determine, if possible, the best routes for the road to enter Hamilton and Warsaw. On September 28, 1958, a citizens meeting was held in Warsaw for the setting up of committees for the acquisition of rights-of-way, raising of money for that purpose and other incidental aspects of the proposed road.

On December 12, 1958, Governor William G. Stratton, at a meeting at the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria, outlined his next year's Road Program, and this program definitely included the Warsaw-Hamilton "Great River Road" segment.

On February 23, 1959, Fred and Mardelle DeYoung became the first, and Edwin and Elda Mae Beeler, the second, signers of deeds conveying rights-of-way for the "Road" project.

Thursday evening, May 21, 1959, porch lights were "lighted for Warsaw" in a complete house-to-house canvass for funds with which to purchase the necessary land for "The Great River Road". A tremendous, heart-warming expression of community action and community giving was the result. Everyone was proud of Warsaw when the results were tallied. Between contributions of citizens on this night and contributions of Warsaw groups, the corporate City of Warsaw, and the Hancock County board of Supervisors, $16,000 was raised for the reimbursement of landowners on the right-of-way. In addition, many public spirited landowners donated their land. The entire operation was an example of community action and enthusiasm.

Everyone cooperated; the only condemnation proceedings necessary being in cases of "owner or owners unknown", or where court action was necessary to clear title. Notable among right-of-way releases was that of Dr. Alice Kibbe, botanist, whereby a tract of unexcelled botanical interest was obtained for the use of the Road. On March 20, 1960, the last right-of-way was obtained. A change of plans invalidated a deed previously obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Ralston Winnard of Los Angeles, California, and it was therefore necessary for Mr. and Mrs. Winnard to donate additional land. Thus - thirteen months after the first, the last deed was obtained, marking the end of a long period of tribulation and intensive effort in the signing up of fifty parcels of real estate.

On June 13, 1960, a contract for the building of 4.82 miles of bituminous concrete surface, course of Federal Aid Secondary Route 421, in and between Warsaw and Hamilton, Hancock County, Illinois, was let for $1,247,437 to S. J. Groves and Sons, Springfield, Illinois. This amount did not include the various bridges and culverts necessary for the road. This segment, all important to the citizens of Warsaw and Hancock County, was a part of Governor William J. Stratton's six million dollar 1960 Road Program.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1960, a bulldozer of the S. J. Groves and Sons Company turned the first dirt, and began the work that culminated in this happy occasion. The re-grading of slopes, seeding, landscaping and erection of guard rails was completed in the spring of 1962.

On Saturday, June 16, 1962, all traffic will be stopped for a short period of time in preparation for the official opening of this segment of the "Great River Road." A small ceremony will be held honoring dignitaries and officials. This will be followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony by the officials at Hamilton with participation by the City of Hamilton—then a caravan will proceed to Warsaw where another ribbon cutting ceremony will take place and will officially open the Great River Road.

After these ceremonies, the Mammoth Parade will begin at 3:30 p.m.

View from the new river road - mouth of Des Moines River

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Our Heritage

Situated on the east bank of the Mississippi, opposite the lower and earlier mouth of the Des Moines, is the beautiful little city of Warsaw. It was platted by Major John R. Wilcox, Mark Aldrich, John Montague and John W. Vineyard in 1834. Prior to the establishment of the town there were two forts—Fort Johnson and Fort Edwards. The former was situated on the south hill and was established between 1812 and 1814. The latter, situated at the extreme point of the north hill, was more advantageously located, having a clear command of the river for miles in each direction. It was established in 1814 and was named for Governor Ninian Edwards, the last territorial governor of Illinois, and its first after admission as a state.

Fort Edwards was built entirely of logs. It was enclosed on three sides by a high stockade of logs set perpendicularly and close together; at each corner of the stockade was a blockhouse, the upper portion of which extended out over the lower walls, and had long loop holes for rifle fire. The officers' quarters were on the north side, those of the soldiers on the east, both facing toward the center of the enclosure, where a tall staff flew the stars and stripes, visible for many miles, a warning to the Indian of punishment to follow swiftly on the heels of treachery, an emblem of protection to the settler.

Back of the stockade, where Ralston Park is now situated, was a large parade ground; from this a narrow path led down a ravine through underbrush and briers to the river bank. On the brow of the hill, high above the stream, was a small plot surrounded by a picket fence, where, beneath the shade of a great spreading oak, were laid to rest the soldiers for whom the last "taps" had sounded. The graves were few until cholera thinned the ranks of the garrison.

When Thomas Forsyth, Indian Agent at Fort Armstrong (Ft. Madison) arrived at Fort Edwards on June 16, 1819, he discovered that a group of Sauk and Iowa Indians had settled near the Fort and had even planted corn there. On November 6, 1821, Forsyth reported that the Sauk and Fox were causing the settlers much trouble. He suggested that they be removed, forcibly if necessary. However, Secretary of War, John C. Calhoun, replied that such action could not be taken—instead a sub-agent was assigned to Fort Edwards. By 1822, the Fox were scattered along the Mississippi from Prairie du Chien to Fort Edwards.

Although we know very little about the men who comprised the garrison at Fort Edwards during the years between 1814 and 1824, we do have the following names: Major John R. Wilcox, Major Merrill Marston, Curtis Caldwell, John Clark, Buisanette, Isham Cochran and Jarvis Beebe. All but Marston had families.

Of these, Major Wilcox is the only one to stay on and figure in the development of the town. Born in Vermont in 1798, graduated from West Point in 1822, he was sent in the spring of 1822 to Fort Edwards which was at that time almost beyond the pale of civilization. When in 1824 the order came to abandon the Fort, undoubtedly many of the men were glad to leave, but Major Wilcox had learned to love the site and soon returned. In 1827, he erected a log cabin near the river under the site of Ft. Johnson, the first house in what was later to become the town of Warsaw. In 1831, Wilcox was authorized to establish a ferry near Fort Edwards which made neighboring and exchange of mail, wood and farm commodities possible across the Mississippi to Alexandria, Mo. In 1834, he became one of the proprietors who platted the town. He took part of the land near his original log cabin and erected a stone house where he lived until his death in 1839. Wilcox Township which surrounds Warsaw on three sides is named for him.

Another name which stands out in the early development of the town is that of Mark Aldrich. Born in Warren County, New York in 1801, he came to Fort Edwards in 1832. In 1833 he built a two-story log house on the site now occupied by the High School, the second house built in the town. He, like Major Wilcox, was one of the proprietors who laid out the town in 1834, took a leading and active part in the early affairs of Hancock County, was the town's first Postmaster and was elected to the Legislature in 1836 and re-elected in 1838. Mr. Aldrich went to California at the time of the gold rush and then to Arizona. However, his family lived here for many years in the house he built for them in 1833, the house being razed in 1924 to make room for the High School which was built in that year.

During the Black Hawk war, the town naturally was at a standstill. In 1832, the Hancock County Atlas lists the population at Fort Edwards at "about two dozen". Once the uprising was quelled and the river traffic grew, so grew the town.

In the 1840's came the parade of packet boats from New Orleans which carried thousands of passengers, among them many emigrants, some from Ireland, others from Germany and France. That many of these deemed Warsaw a most desirable location was evidenced by the fact that in the early 40's there were three distilleries, a tobacco factory, flour mills, brickyards, scores of cooperage shops. In 1845, the little town was claiming a population of 473; by 1850, 850.

Most early settlers were of English stock. However, one section of Warsaw, populated entirely by Germans, became known as "Katze Boockle" (Cat's Buckle) and another as "Kuhberg" (Calftown). These newcomers were thrifty and ambitious, and helped develop the town's most successful business enterprises. They came from all the provinces of Germany and were both Lutheran and Catholic. Churches of these faiths were built as soon as a congregation could be gathered together.

The French immigration began in the late fifties and continued through the sixties and seventies. Many of the French people settled in Warsaw in the country extending from Warsaw to Basco. The southeast part of Warsaw became known as "Frenchtown". A capable people, they prospered as farmers and business men.

Thus Warsaw had a cosmopolitan population with Irish, German and French emigrants. Help in the breweries was largely German, in the distilleries, Irish and in the vineyards, French.

Many steamers, large and small, made Warsaw a port of call. The ferry, "Thaddeus of Warsaw" ran between Warsaw and Alexandria, Missouri. Other boats that plied up and down the river included the "Rob Roy", "S. S. Merrill", "Plough Boy" and "Grey Eagle". The last three were among the first boats

built by William Leyhe, later Captain Leyhe, a packet boat master on the Mississippi River for fifty years. William Leyhe was born in Warsaw and here he and his brother built their first boat. The hull was handhewn from walnut logs obtained from the trees around Warsaw, and named the "Young Eagle". Thus, in 1858, was begun the "Eagle Packet Company", which was to be an active factor in steamboating on the upper Mississippi for many years.

In 1855, a brick foundry was built on North Fourth Street, just where the brewery road turns east. Early records state "Eight hundred thousand bricks are ready for burning and there is a great demand for them".

In 1857, 20,000 bushels of grain were landed at Warsaw intended for the three distilleries and three flour mills. By 1860, each of the three distilleries was receiving 100 wagon loads of corn per day. One of these distilleries was established by James and John Hill, who came to Warsaw in 1833, a name to become prominent in the development of the town.

The first flour mill was built by a Mr. Witter and was on the site on which have stood successively a distillery, a woolen mill, a shoe factory and, at present, the Electric Storage Battery Company. By the time of the Civil War, Claus Albers had begun his milling business at the site of the present Miner-Ol Company. Flour from this mill was shipped to many foreign countries. The house erected by Claus Albers is still to be seen at the end of Polk Street where it joins Fort Edwards St.

Schott & Brother's Brewery was one of the earliest. It was located on the river road to the south of the present Miner-Ol Company. In 1859 it included a cave running a great distance under the bluff—"where the lager was stowed away and cooled for the succeeding summer's use". These caves are still in evidence on the lower river road.

Another early industry was the manufacture of plows and other farm machinery in the J. H. Woods & Company Plow Factory at 3rd Street between Main and Clay. Later this business was sold to Cress Brothers and Company who continued manufacturing farm machinery and carriages until the turn of the century.

In the early days, the cooperage business far surpassed any other. Thousands of barrels were made yearly for the shipment of lard, meat, apples, cider flour, whiskey and wine.

Prior to the Civil War, Oliver Edwards (later General Edwards) established an iron foundry on the flat near the head of Fourth Street. Later this factory was operated by a partnership known as Heberling, Edwards & Company.

The wine industry was an important one in 1865. Hundreds of vineyards were planted and many fruit trees.

The woolen mill came into existence in 1866—a stock company of which Hill, Knox and Company were the chief stockholders. Built at a cost of $100,000, it employed 110 persons. Up to 1100 yards of men's cashmere were turned out in one day. 10,000 yards were sold to the Army in 1879 and another shipment of 1,000 yards was sent to the Southern Illinois Penitentiary.

Time passed, and with it some of the austerity of the earlier days. Up the river came the gaudy circus boats and show boats. Among these were "The Golden Rod", "The Cotton Blossom". The most exciting sound of all was the notes of the calliope as the show boats pulled up at the wharf. These floating theatres, with their bright lights, music and gaudy streamers,

Old Fort Edwards

brought young and old from their daily chores to welcome the band as it set out on its concert up Main Street. A little later came the magnificent excursion boats, shuttling up and down the river with their merry crowds. Among these were "French's New Sensation", "Floating Palace",—the last word in luxury with their wall length mirrors, fine linen damask and fine foods. The entire crew, from the Captain to the ebony chef in the huge galley, took immense pride in the maintenance of their boats.

In the early eighties river traffic began to decline and the construction of railroads lessened the uses of the river as a highway for commerce. Although there were many attempts to establish Warsaw as a railroad terminal during the latter part of the 19th century, most of these were frustrated through inducements offered by Chicago interests. In 1875, three trains daily came in and out of Warsaw, but in spite of all these early projects, Warsaw's promise of becoming a railroad center materialized only in a debt of more than $100,000 from which it received nothing in return. This hung as a blight over the community for half a century and retarded its progress for many years.

Warsaw became a town in 1839 and a city in 1853.

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The origin of St. Paul's Parish is not known. The pages of the first Parish Register assigned to "History" are blank. In August, 1852, a resolution was belatedly passed by the vestry to write down the minutes of meetings. Church services were held in the first half of the last century by a Mr. J. Bentley, who conducted a private school. The first Rector, S. R. Childs, on December 2, 1849, baptized Mary Louisa, the daughter of Edward and Julia Chittenden, one of Warsaw's earliest settlers. The earliest vestry recorded, was Abraham Chittenden, Pierre Barker (or Parker), John Hill, Wm. Cooper, A. D. Brockenbro, Wm. Monroe, and Wm. Roosevelt. Later vestrymen included J. W. Marsh, N. W. Bliss, Edwin Baldwin, Thomas Boscow and Isaac Brown. The earliest services were held in private homes and later in the Little Brick School. In 1854 the first church was built on the southeast corner of Crawford and Eighth Streets on land donated by Isaac Brown. The cornerstone of the present church was laid June 5, 1884, under the rectorship of the Rev. William Bordens, and the first service held on St. Paul's Day, January 25, 1885. The rectory was built in 1897. Mr. Hines served the parish longest, from 1900 to 1909. The present church building was originally gray in color, built of limestone quarried just east of Warsaw. Eventually the stones became the present soft brown. The church bell was the gift of the young people of the congregation being paid for by filling cards with dimes.

Assembly of God Church

formerly

German Evangelical St. John's Church

In 1865, a group of native-born German men and women met and after "prayerful consideration and the desire to glorify God" determined to establish a German Evangelical Church in Warsaw. Later, 30 "Artikels" of faith were drawn up and presented by a committee composed of Conrad Nagel, Johannes Schafer and George Bellersheim. The "Artikels" were adopted on January 2, 1865 and the church named "Die Deutsche Evangelische St. Johannes Kirche". This building stands at the corner of 7th and Webster Streets. Services were in German until after World War I, then in English until the membership dissolved in 1937.

The Warsaw Assembly of God Church began May 17, 1938 with cottage prayer meetings conducter by Pastor Carl Wrigley of the Assembly of God Church, Keokuk, Iowa. Later a building was rented on 3rd and Main, followed by meetings being held in the basement of the old Methodist Church on the north side of town. In 1939 the Church located at its present site at the corner of 7th and Webster and the old lettering "Deutche Evangelische St. Johannes Kirche 1865" still appears high on the church front. Many improvements have been made to this building in the way of redecorating, new fixtures, rugs and kitchen, under the leadership of various pastors who have served the past 23 years.

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on Main at Eighteenth

Presbyterian Church

The initiatory steps looking to the organization of a Presbyterian Church in Warsaw were taken in September and October, 1842. In September, eighteen persons formed themselves into a "religious society" in accordance with an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois. Five trustees were appointed, namely: Silas Williams, Andrew Weir, Wm. Y. Patch, Robert Miller and Geo. A. Chittenden. The church was organized December 3, 1843 with 11 members. Previous to this, a Congregational Church had been organized as early as 1836, which was the earliest religious organization in Warsaw. Most of the ten members constituting the Presbyterian, had been with the Congregational Church. In 1846 it was dissolved and some of the members united with the Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. M. Thompson served the longest as pastor, from 1900 to 1908 and again from 1910 to 1924. The first church building was erected in 1857-1858 on the present site. In December 1916 occurred the fire which destroyed the building. The present building at 4th and Lafayette was immediately begun and was dedicated free of debt on March 17, 1918.

Lutheran Church

On September 26, 1853, a German congregation was organized in Warsaw and named "United Protestant Church". This was for members of all creeds and was on the site of the present Lutheran church. In 1865, under Rev. C. Popp, a strictly Lutheran congregation was formed. In 1886, the present church was erected.

Mr. A. Pietchmann was the first teacher of the Warsaw Lutheran school. Mr. A. Wilde succeeded him, serving faithfully for 12 years.

Seventh Day Adventist

In the summer of 1948, A Seventh-Day Church was started in Warsaw and the meetings were held in the Saenger Hall.

In 1956 two lots at the corner of Eighth and Crawford were bought from Walter Dross. Two years later a building program was started. The work on the church has been almost completely done by the congregation and moved forward only as funds were available.

The history of the Seventh-Day Adventists dates back to the early 1800's and today covers 98% of the world with its work. Educational and Evangelistic field with hospitals, clinics, schools, colleges, churches and missions in every continent of the earth, thus following the commission of Christ to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature".

Trinity Methodist Church

Before 1834, the Methodist Circuit Rider, D. B. Carter, and the presiding Elder, Peter Cartwright, organized what is recorded in the Illinois Conference as "The Fort Edwards Mission." The society met in an old frame building overlooking the Mississippi River until 1851, when a brick building was built. In 1877, this building was enlarged and housed the English Methodist Church until it merged with the German Methodist Church. The German Methodist Church was built in 1856 and the main part of the building is the sanctuary of the present Trinity Methodist Church. In 1956, the congregation celebrated the Centennial of the Church and began a building program. This addition consists of several rooms, Pastor's study, Fellowship hall, kitchen, choir rooms and Sunday School rooms. It was completed and dedicated in 1958. The church is located on the corner of Fourth and Crawford streets.

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Sacred Heart Church

People of the Catholic faith located near Warsaw as early as 1849, and several Catholic families arriving from Germany settled here in 1850. This first Catholic Settlement was attended by Father John George Alleman, a missionary priest residing in Fort Madison, Iowa, who came three or four times a year to say Mass in a private home.

Father Charles Schilling, pastor of Nauvoo, is credited with building the first church in Warsaw in 1855, at a cost of $800.00. This first church served the parish until 1874 when Father Francis Xavier Heller of Carthage built a Church and rectory costing $9,000.

Tradition recounts that Father Joseph Mueller, the first Superior of the Redemptorist Congregation, and pastor of St. Michael's Church in Chicago, was Vicar-General for the German Catholics of the Chicago Diocese, and that Warsaw was originally a part of that Diocese. Father Mueller visited Warsaw frequently from 1860 to 1863.

The first resident pastor was Father Phillip Lawrence Hendricks, who served from 1865 to 1868.

Franciscan priests from Quincy, Illinois, were in charge from 1868 to 1874.

Monsignor Francis A. Cleary remodeled the old church and parish house in 1923, renovating the interior of the church, stuccoeing the exterior, and adding upper and lower sun porches to the parish house. A new lighting system was also installed at this time. This church seated 250 people.

Warsaw, and the Mission parish of Hamilton, are now in the Peoria Diocese, and the present pastor is Rev. Edward Kusch.

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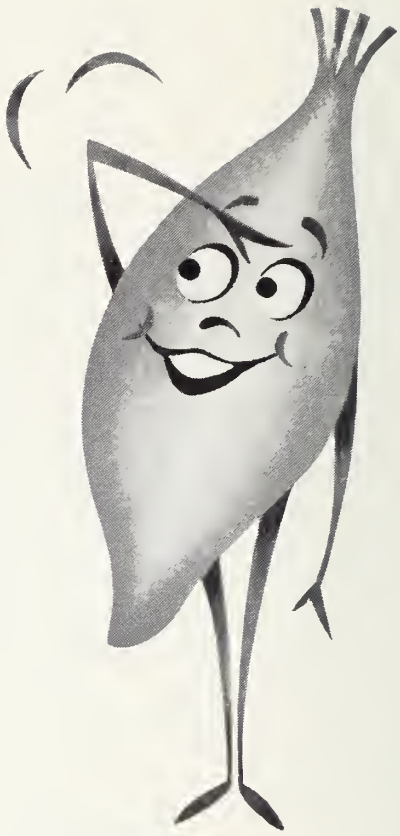

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A Warsaw Business Guide of 1884 states, "Al Wisch's newly decorated sample room is one of the finest in the city. The best of everything is one of Al's peculiarities."

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H. R. Chittenden

From "The Warsaw Bulletin" of March 7, 1862:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that my wife Lucy has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, and I warn all persons not to trust, harbor or keep her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting or charges for her keeping.

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Aaron Arnold

February, 1869

Spring assortment of goods from New York just opened by John E. Johnston—custom made boots and shoes, mourning clothes, alpacas, mohair lustres and poplins, fancy and black, silks, muslins and all novelties of the season.

Any Holdups?

In 1888 Warsaw had two regular stage coaches going daily to Elderville via Hickory Ridge, Tioga and Sutter and to Mallard, Marceline and Lima. Fare was 50c.

July 10, 1875

Warsaw celebrated the glorious Fourth on Saturday, July 3rd though rains of Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning discouraged attendance. Processions formed at 2:00 o'clock with the Silver Cornet Band in the lead followed by W. P. Marshall, orator of the day, Mayor Conrad Nagel and the City Council in carriages, Warsaw Fire Company No. 1, Dolphin Hoses No. 1, Neptune Hook and Ladder Company and citizens following. Colonel Marsh read the Declaration of Independence, followed by W. P. Marshall of Keokuk who delivered the address.

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May, 1917

Conrad Nagel, the grandson of a former prominent citizen of this city, reaches the top of his profession and is being heralded as one of the illustrious actors of the American stage.

November 2, 1859

The editor reports visiting Schott and Brother's Brewery, including the cave, running a great distance under the bluff, where the lager is stowed away and cooled for the succeeding summer's use.

1860

Steamboat men are vigorously fighting the bridging of the Mississippi—holding it a menace to navigation.

1867

A hack is now running daily to Hamilton and Keokuk. Owing to the lowness of the water, the ferry boat is unable to cross at Keokuk.

1849

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Library

Warsaw's interest in intellectual pursuits was evinced early. In 1856 the legislature granted a charter for the Warsaw Literary Association, with several public spirited citizens as incorporators: Joseph Sibley, Thomas Sharp, Homer Judd, Amos Worthen, Charles Case, W. W. Bliss and Thomas Gregg. Several hundred dollars were raised by subscription, and a small library which had belonged to the Sons of Temperance, some two hundred volumes, was donated to the Association. This became the nucleus for the present library. As early as 1867 there had been a suggestion in the Bulletin that "some good citizens who feel an interest in saving our youth from bad habits inaugurate a movement in favor of a library".

Under a law which went into effect July 1, 1872, the Warsaw Free Public Library was one of the very first to be organized in the state. The library was opened in the third floor of the Empire Building, (now the John Myers building). Later the library was transferred to the first floor of the Odd Fellows Building at the corner of Sixth and Main.

With a bequest from Mr. Adolph Roessler, our present fine building was built in 1916. The cost was $7,000. While it is supported by taxation, it likewise has an endowment fund known as the Wm. Hill Fund of $5,000, as well as a small fund set by Philip Dallam for the purchase of children's books as a memorial to his daughter.

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Local Brevities — 1887

No marrige license has been issued since July 7th. The hot weather has a depressing effect on the matrimonial market.

1887

The artesian well on Main and Fifth Streets continues to be well patronized. People are daily carrying the water home in buckets, jugs and pitchers.

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Warsaw Volunteer Fire Department

Although there are no records available, there apparently was an Engine Co. No. 4 active before April 1, 1867.

On April 1, 1867 the Neptune Engine Co. was formed, with Geo. Stringer being elected foreman, which in those days was the same office as the present day chief. Squire Heberling was elected assistant foreman. John K. Simmons elected secretary and G. F. Hilker elected treasurer. The by-laws were patterned after those of the Quincy, Illinois, Fire Department.

Thirty-nine members joined the original company at this meeting.

Apparently an engine was purchased from a group of men who are unknown to us. The records are vague on matters of equipment, but thorough on the social doings of the department.

In February, 1875, a ladder truck of some sort was purchased and the name of the company was changed to Neptune Truck Co. Then a few months later the name was again changed, this time to Neptune Hook and Ladder Co.

As near as can be determined the name was changed from Neptune Hook and Ladder Co. to Warsaw Fire Department sometime around 1910.

In 1921 a Model T Ford Truck was purchased. The department was in possession of a Dodge Chemical Truck and shortly thereafter a Dodge pumper was acquired.

No motorized equipment was purchased until 1939 when a Studebaker Pumper was acquired. This was the last motorized equipment bought by the city.

In 1952 a Fire Protection District was formed, and a new 500-gallon pumper was purchased.

A new 1000-gallon front mount pumper is being built for delivery in June 1962.

The practice of blowing the siren at noon as a means of testing it was started on Feb. 7, 1925. This practice is still being followed.

Old Fire Engine

The San Jose Journal of March 10, carried this article:

Tells of Purchase of Fire Engine for San Jose in Dec. of 1901.

The following item was taken from the San Jose Metropolitan dated Dec. 15, 1901.

President of the village board, Henry Woll, spent from Saturday until Monday at Warsaw, Ill., a city in the western part of Illinois, and located on the Mississippi River. While there he closed a deal with the council of that city for their fire engine. The engine, of course, is second-hand, but Mr. Woll says it is the biggest bargain San Jose ever had, the purchase price being $75.

It is an engine similar in construction to the one that burned up last May, but it has no chemical attachments to it. Forty men can work at it and two streams of water can be thrown over buildings three stories high. Mr. Woll saw the engine tested and says he thinks it is a much better piece of mechanism than the one San Jose had previous to the late fire. The engine had been shipped from Warsaw and will probably reach here by Saturday. The old hose cart is repaired and painted up and after the city council purchases hose, and a few more rains come to replenish cisterns, we will again be in fair shape for fire protection. It was through Charles Gumble, the miller, that the City Council was able to pick up such a snap. He saw by the paper it was for sale. Mr. Woll says Warsaw is a fine city of 2,400 population.

The Warsaw Bulletin of Dec. 13, 1901, has this to say regarding the sale:

The city has disposed of its old hand fire engine, the Village of San Jose being the purchaser and the price paid was $75. Cheap enough, and yet it was a good sale, all things considered. This engine did service for years for old No. 4 Volunteer Fire Co. of Quincy, and was brought to Warsaw on the Steamer Gray Eagle in the spring of 1867. It was only discarded after the purchase several years ago of the apparatus now in use.

Aug. 28, 1914 - One of the worst fires Warsaw had suffered in years was that which destroyed the J. A. White planing mill. Loss $12,000. Insurance $6,000.

Warsaw Fire Department - 1905

1918

The most disastrous fire the business district of Warsaw has ever suffered was a fire started on the first floor of the Battels Building. The fire could not be checked so that the next building took flames, then on to the Wallace two-story Hotel to the south and almost simultaneously to the Fenor-Grant three-story building. The Grant Hotel then took fire.

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1888 Time-Table of T. P. & Warsaw Railway

Leaves Warsaw

Atlantic Express	4:25 P. M.
Cincinnati Fast Line	3:35 A. M.
Way Freight Line	7:15 P. M.
Stock Express	6:15 A. M.

Arrive Warsaw

Fast Line	10:45 A. M.
Pacific Express	5:10 P. M.
Way Express	8:20 P. M.
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Schools

The first school, taught by Miss Sarah Lawton, later Mrs. Thomas Gregg, was started in 1835, and by the early 1850's several other private schools had been opened.

Before the City of Warsaw acted under the present school charter, the Board of Education was appointed by the Council and received pay the same as the Council - $2.00 for each meeting. The first school board was elected in May, 1855, and in June of the same year, purchased property on the summit of the hill owned by W. T. Turner. In 1857 a building was erected which was first called "The Seminary" and later "Warsaw High" and was demolished in 1903.

The repeal of the city Charter in 1863, following the financial fiasco brought on by the $100,000 indebtedness incurred for railroads, left Warsaw without public schools. Two private schools were then opened. However, by the next year, the public schools were again in operation.

The first class to complete the prescribed course of study was in June 1864. The graduates were Miss Helen Fuller, Miss Carrie Elliott and Miss Julia Leach. J. W. Marsh, Esq., president of the School Board, presented the diplomas.

Other schools included the LeClaire School which was built in 1870 and closed in 1917. There was also one built by the Lutherans in 1868. The property for the Catholic convent was purchased in 1864 and was taught by the Sisters of St. Francis from LaCrosse, Wisconsin until 1878.

In 1871, a school for colored children existed on the extension of the Fair Grounds road at the first turn east. This school had a white teacher. Another school known as the "Sixteenth District School" was located in "Stumptown". This building is still standing. There was also a school located in lower Warsaw on the present site of the Leffler property.

Earliest records available show that an article of conveyance was made to the Little Brick School, originally known as "Thompkins School", in 1847. It was the boyhood school of John Hay.

The present Grade School was built in 1903, and served all grades through High School, with the exception of the first two or three grades which were taught at the LeClaire School until its closing in 1917.

The present High School was built in 1926. A large, new section which also houses the four upper grades, was dedicated in the fall of 1956. This addition contains 47,000 square feet and contains 8 elementary classrooms, 2 standard high school classrooms and 2 shop classrooms. There is also an 80′ x 100′ gymnasium, a home economics department, a cafeteria with a well equipped kitchen, large industrial arts and vocational arts shops and a music department complete with three practice rooms. A 400 seat auditorium and stage completes the program for a well equipped high school for the entire community.

Warsaw Schools are now part of the Community Unit District No. 316, which also includes Basco, Rockford, Sutter and Tioga.

The Old Seminary - 1857 - 1903.

"The Little Brick" - Boyhood School of John Hay.

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August 7, 1903

The new school building means largely increased taxes this year. The school levy is $14,000 or $9,000 more than last year, but there will be a handsome, convenient and comfortable structure on the hill to show for it.

Sept. 9, 1904

The public schools opened Monday with an enrollment of 297 pupils. The High School enrollment is 57 - the largest in years, the number includes 9 non-resident pupils. With the finest and best appointed and best equipped public school in the county.

The Miner-Ol Company

The Miner-Ol Company, Inc., operates in a large building on Warsaw's waterfront. It manufactures and sells stock feeds and fertilizer. This plant was organized in 1939 and John McMahan is manager. The building originally was the Albers Mill, one of six flour mills operated in Warsaw. This mill was begun during Civil War days and flour from it was shipped to several foreign countries.

1875

Some time ago, Warsaw people were thrown into a fever by the purported discovery of gold in the bluffs near the Albers Mill, but as no one made a fortune out of it, the subject gradually faded out of the minds of the people. No effort was ever made to test the truth of the statement, and, as like as not, Warsawites today tread upon untold wealth buried deep in her hills as rich as the Aurierous Mountains.

August 2nd, 1875

The amount of hay and grain that is coming into town now is astonishing. Loads upon loads of hay— loose, baled— passes by every day. The hay presser of W. P. Hammond, Appel & Gloesel, Eckbohm & Co. and Henry Dross are running almost constantly— some working two sets of hours. More hay is shipped from Warsaw than any other place on the river north of St. Louis.

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Hancock "New Era" — Dec. 8, 1864

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The fast running and light draught steamer "Eagle", Captain Bishop, will make trips as follows:

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Second Trip—lv. Alexandria at 1:00 p.m.
Second Trip—lv. Warsaw at 2:00 p.m.
Second Trip—lv. Keokuk at 4:15 p.m.

October 21, 1887

Twenty years ago, no craft on this portion of the Mississippi River was better known or more popular than the steamer "Grey Eagle." Season after season it plied in the Quincy and Keokuk trade and when the business began to decay, the Eagle Company transferred the boat to the Illinois river and finally disposed of it to other parties. It was a staunch craft, as its long service attests, and has but closed its career of usefulness. The "Grey Eagle" was built in this city in 1865 by the Eagle Packet Company and naturally enough our people had a pride in its swiftness, for in its day, no boat on the river could beat it. It was a popular excursion boat, and those who constituted the "young folks" of Warsaw a score of years ago cherish many pleasant memories of the happy hours passed upon its decks. The hull of the Eagle now lies at Henry on the Illinois River, and is being dismantled. The boilers have been transferred to a Havana malt house, and the balance of the machinery is to be disposed of. The hull is to be refitted and used as a double-deck excursion barge.

1903

The mammoth excursion steamer, City of St. Louis, from the lower river, came up Wednesday morning and gave two excursions out of Keokuk and Warsaw. The boat is 305 feet long and 90 feet wide, being too large to enter the locks of the government canal. It has a capacity for 5,000 passengers.

Aug. 14, 1903

There was a lively scene and considerable excitement at the levee Wednesday evening. The steamers Silver Crescent, Jacob Richtman, Ottumwa Belle and Mary Hill were at the wharf receiving their loads of human freight when the monster City of St. Louis steamed into port. By bungling management, the big craft struck the Crescent and Mary Hill, doing considerable damage and almost causing a panic.

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1907

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1907

New cement walks are being put in by private parties at various parts of the city. It would be well if the authorities could see their way clear to doing a little municipal work along these lines.

Oct. 9, 1903

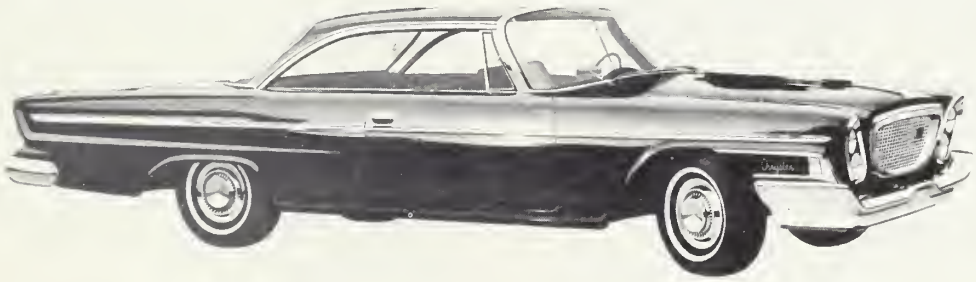
Jesse Cherry, one of the notorious Cherry sisters who gave an alleged entertainment in Warsaw several years ago, died last week. Jessie went to heaven (and the writer has no reason to believe the contrary). Imagine her in the Heavenly choir and then say if you will, that Hades is not without its compensations.

Oct. 16, 1903

Every pleasant day, carloads of people come to Warsaw on the trolley. Many of them turn around and go back on the return car rather than climb Main Street hill. When the track is laid up Fourth to Main, more will come and stay longer.

Oct. 20, 1905

The cut made by Will Evins of Keokuk of old Ft. Edwards which appears in the supplement accompanying this week's Bulletin, will be of interest to many readers here and elsewhere. What remains of the old Fort is now doing service as a shed for George Egley. Efforts should be made to procure this that it might be preserved as a historic relic.



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John Hay

The Hon. John Hay is claimed as a native of Warsaw. He was born in Indiana, in October of 1838, two or three years before his father, Dr. Charles Hay, emigrated to Warsaw. Here he received a common-school education (at the "Little Brick") and was sent to the State University at Springfield and afterward to Brown University where he graduated with honor. He chose the profession of law and studied with his uncle, Milton Hay, in Springfield.

The election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency necessitated the employment of private secretaries, and he chose John Hay as one of them, and then commenced that course of public life which has resulted in giving to young Hay a national reputation as a diplomatist and statesman. He seems to have been throughout the honored confidant of the President, and was placed by him in many positions of trust, in all of which he acquitted himself with credit. He was sent to Paris as Secretary of Legation under Minister Bigelow; afterward to Austria as Charge d'Affairs; and again as Secretary of Legation to Spain under Gen. Sickles. He was, also, for a period during the war, on Gens. Hunter and Gilmore's staff as Adjutant, with the rank of Maior.

Mr. Hay served for four years as one of the chief editorial writers on the New York Tribune, a position he was compelled reluctantly to resign on account of failing health.

Notwithstanding Col. Hay's brilliant career, he is, perhaps, most widely known as a writer. He was from his youth a wellread historian and scholar; and his long residence abroad gave him extraordinary advantages in his literary studies.

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April 1856 to April 1857 John G. Fonda, Mayor
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July 1857 to April 1858 T. Hollowbush, Mayor Pro tem
April 1858 to April 1859 William H. Roosevelt, Mayor
April 1859 to April 1862 Thomas C. Sharp, Mayor
April 1862 to April 1864 William H. Roosevelt, Mayor
April 1864 to April 1867 John W. Knox, Mayor
April 1867 to April 1868 Robert Black, Mayor
April 1868 to April 1870 Samuel Mussetter, Mayor
April 1870 to April 1871 S. R. Holmes, Mayor
April 1871 to April 1873 A. Roesler, Mayor
April 1873 to April 1874 Robert Black, Mayor
April 1874 to April 1875 A. Roesler, Mayor
April 1875 to April 1876 Conrad Nagel, Mayor
April 1876 to April 1877 H. Silsby, Mayor
April 1877 to April 1878 Robert Black, Mayor
April 1878 to April 1879 A. Roesler, Mayor
April 1879 to April 1880 Conrad Nagel, Mayor
April 1880 to April 1881 A. Roesler, Mayor
April 1881 to April 1887 Wm. Hill, Mayor
April 1887 to April 1888 Oliver Edwards, Mayor
April 1888 to April 1891 Henry J. M. Luedde, Mayor
April 1891 to April 1892 Truman Plantz, Mayor
April 1892 to April 1895 Oliver Edwards, Mayor
April 1895 to April 1897 Henry J. M. Luedde, Mayor
April 1897 to April 1899 John H. Finley, Mayor
April 1899 to April 1900 Truman Plantz, Mayor
April 1900 to April 1901 Martin C. Eckbohm, Mayor
April 1901 to April 1903 Truman Plantz, Mayor
April 1903 to April 1904 M. C. Eckbohm, Mayor
April 1904 to April 1905 J. P. Schlenk, Mayor
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April 1906 to April 1907 Henry Klump, Mayor
April 1907 to April 1909 M. C. Eckbohm, Mayor
April 1909 to April 1911 H. A. Brinkman, Mayor
April 1911 to April 1913 M. C. Eckbohm, Mayor
April 1913 to April 1915 Louis Lamet, Mayor
April 1915 to April 1916 R. A. Marsh, Mayor
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April 1923 to April 1924 Truman Plantz, Mayor
April 1924 to April 1925 A. F. Cox, Mayor
April 1925 to April 1926 C. E. Wallace, Mayor
April 1926 to April 1928 Truman Plantz Jr., Mayor
April 1928 to April 1929 Wm. Hill, Mayor
April 1929 to May 1929 Louis Lamet, Mayor
May 1929 to July 1929 H. K. Sack, Mayor Pro tem
July 1929 to April 1933 Wm. Hill, Mayor
April 1933 to April 1935 Clarence Johnston, Mayor
April 1935 to April 1937 Esper Ziegler, Mayor
April 1937 to April 1941 Harry R. Upp, Mayor
April 1941 to April 1945 Irvin Meyer, Mayor
April 1945 to April 1949 J. Edwin McMurray, Mayor
April 1949 to April 1953 Marvin Neves, Mayor
April 1953 to June 1955 Justus Garard, Mayor
June 1955 to Sept. 1955 Marvin Neves, Mayor Pro tem
Sept. 1955 to April 1961 Henry Thalmann, Mayor
April 1961 to Marvin Murry, Mayor

Cedar Glen, famous for its cliffs and scenic beauty, on the Great River Road between Hamilton and Warsaw.

After the turn of the century, this pickle factory was located a few doors south of Main on Water Street. Pickles were shipped as far as Hawaii.

Turner Hall, which stood at the corner of 11th and Crawford, was first called Giesen's Hall and was painted lavender. At one time it was also called Union Hall. This picture was taken in 1912.

The Hill-Dodge Banking Company

The First National Bank of Warsaw was granted a charter in 1864. The 1884 city directory lists Wm. Hill, President and J. B. Dodge, Cashier; capital $50,000, Surplus $79,000. In 1886, the institution became a private bank, operating under the name of "Hill-Dodge and Company" until 1900 when the name became "The Hill-Dodge Banking Company." At this time the bank was located in the building now housing our City offices. In 1905 it moved to a new building at its present location on the corner of 5th and Main Streets.

The October 7th, 1905 issue of the Warsaw Bulletin has this to say of the new bank:

"After 41 years of continuous business at the same location, The Hill-Dodge Banking Company announce their removal to their new building on the northeast corner of 5th and Main. Thoroughly equipped and with a responsibility of over one quarter of a million dollars, we invite your business. James B. Dodge, President, H. J. M. Luedde, Vice President, William Dodge, Cashier."

In January of 1961, Mr. C. Plin Mears of Keokuk purchased controlling interest and became Chairman of the Board, with John M. Wulfing, President and Trust Officer, E. H. Kyle, Cashier, Ardath M. Cox, Asst. Cashier and Asst. Trust Officer and Francis David, Asst. Cashier. As of March 26, 1962, the responsibility of The Hill-Dodge Banking Company is listed at over three million dollars.

Remember World War I?

December 1, 1918

It is stated that the 339th Field Artillery now at Camp Dodge and to which so many boys from Warsaw and vicinity are attached will be supplied with six-inch rifles instead of howitzers as was first announced.

December 6, 1918

The influenza situation is anything but satisfactory, it is not here to deceive anybody. As nearly as could be learned it has struck between 30 and 40 families in this city.

February 1, 1918

Walter Moxom from St. Louis installed a new river gauge which has been placed well above the steamboat landing.

March 14, 1919

Boys have been coming back from camp or overseas one or two at a time, but the first bunch of overseas soldiers to arrive in a body were those who came home Monday night. When the car pulled into Warsaw the returning soldiers found the band and a hundred or more persons awaiting them and a royal welcome was given.

Football Team—1922

Left to right, back row: Marvin Hufendick, John McGregor, Luther Johnson, Norman Paar, Leon Lamet. Second row: Wilfred Kraushaar, Julian LeMaire, Philip Anderson, Fred Young, Herbert Scott. First row: Andy Clark, William Young, Marion Thompson.

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3. Clerks will each day fill lamps, clean chimneys, trim wicks. Wash windows once a week.
4. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to your individual taste.
5. This office will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p. m. daily, except on the Sabbath, on which day we will remain closed.
6. Men employees will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go regularly to church.
7. Every employee should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefits during his declining years, so that he will not become a burden upon the charity of his betters.
8. Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, get shaved at the barber shop, or frequents pool or public halls, will give me good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.
9. The employee who has performed his labor faithfully and without fault for a period of five years in my service, and who has been thrifty and attentive to his religious duties, is looked upon by his fellow men as a substantial and law abiding citizen, will be given an increase of 5c per day in his pay, providing a just return in the profits from the business permits.

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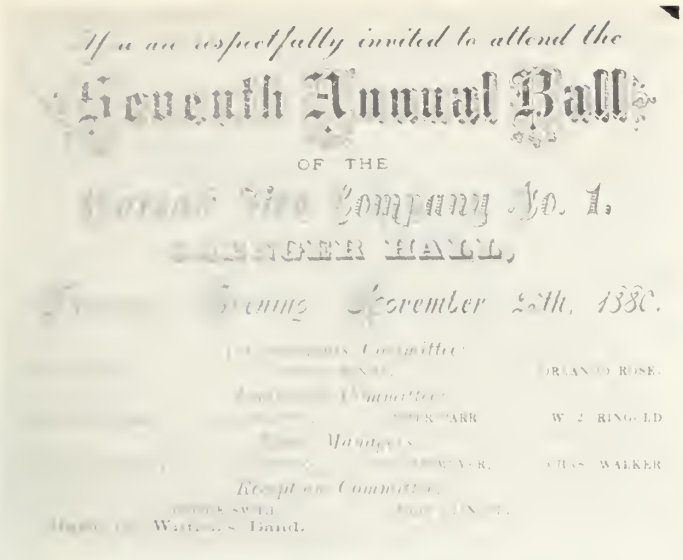
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OF THE

Warsaw Fire Company No. 1,

SAENGER HALL,

Evening, November 25th, 1880.

Arrangements Committee:

ORLANDO ROSE.

Reception Committee:

PETER PARR. W. J. RINGOLD.

Floor Managers:

CHAS. WALKER.

Reception Committee:

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Annual Ball

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1880.

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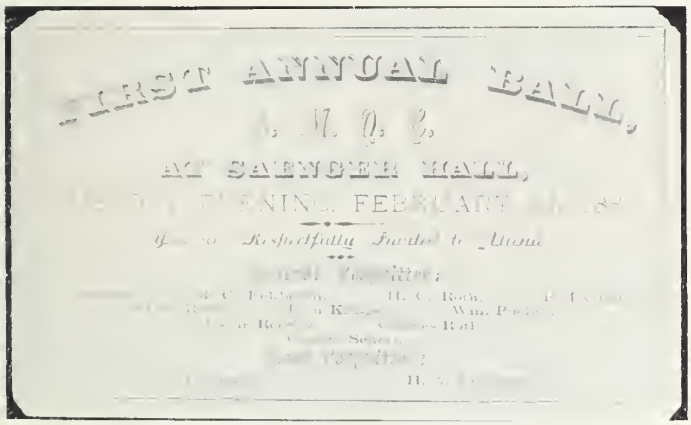

FIRST ANNUAL BALL,

A. M. Q. C.

AT SAENGER HALL,

EVENING, FEBRUARY

You are Respectfully Invited to Attend

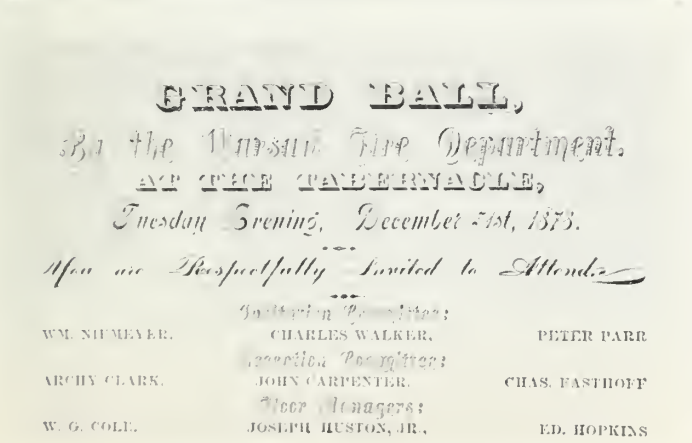
Arrangement Committee:

H. C. Roth.

Wm. Pie

Reception Committee:

Floor Managers:


GRAND BALL,

By the Warsaw Fire Department,

AT THE TABERNACLE,

Tuesday Evening, December 21st, 1875.

You are Respectfully Invited to Attend.

Invitation Committee:

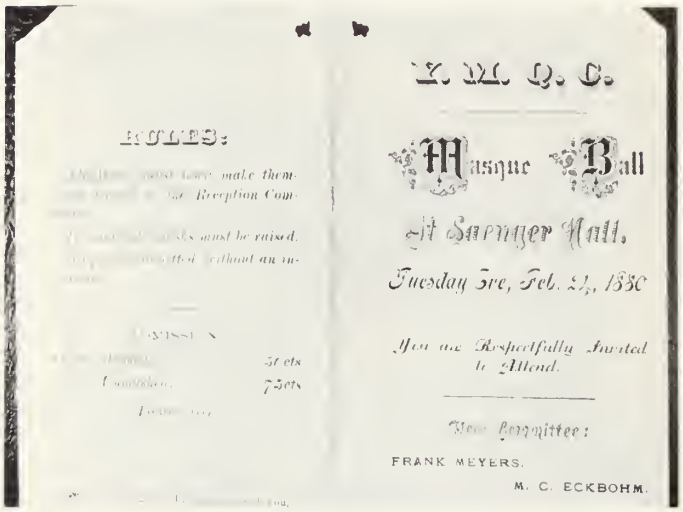
WM. NIEMEYER. CHARLES WALKER. PETER PARR

Reception Committee:

ARCHY CLARK. JOHN CARPENTER. CHAS. FASTHOFF

Floor Managers:

W. G. COLE. JOSEPH HUSTON, JR., ED. HOPKINS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Y. M. Q. C.

Masque Ball

At Saenger Hall,

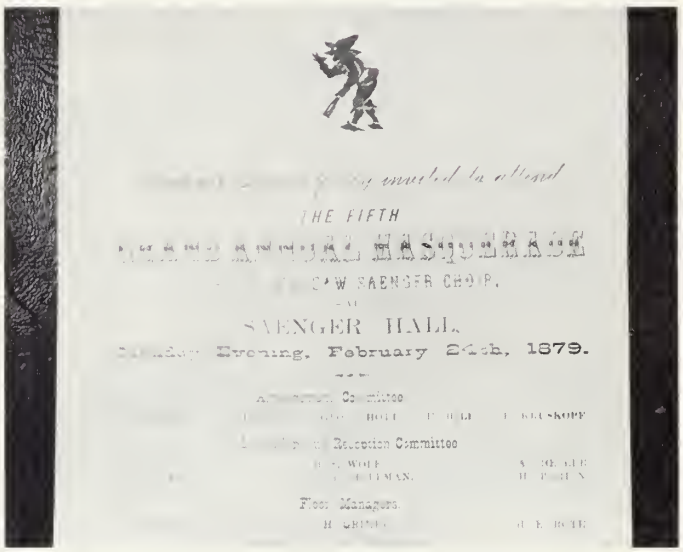
Tuesday Eve, Feb. 24, 1880

You are Respectfully Invited to Attend.

Floor Committee:

FRANK MEYERS.

M. C. ECKBOHM.


THE FIFTH

GRAND ANNUAL MASQUERADE

SAW SAENGER CHOIR.

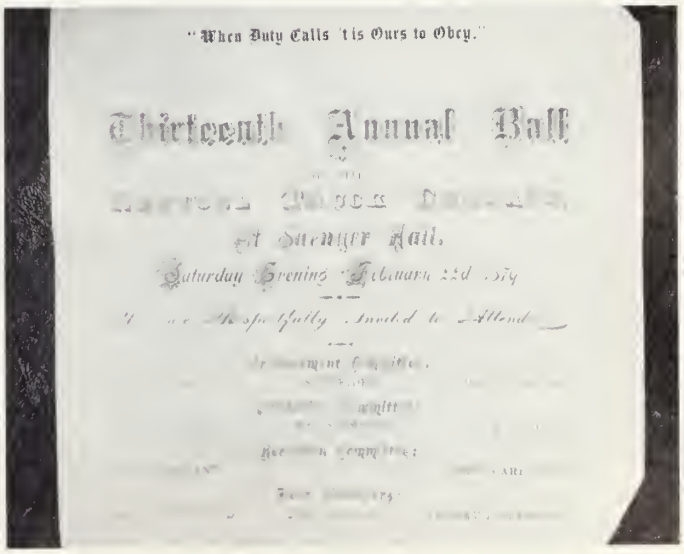
SAENGER HALL.

Evening, February 24th, 1879.

Arrangement Committee

Reception Committee

Floor Managers.


"When Duty Calls 'tis Ours to Obey."

Thirteenth Annual Ball

At Saenger Hall.

Saturday Evening February 22d 1879

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Arrangement Committee:

Reception Committee:

Floor Managers:

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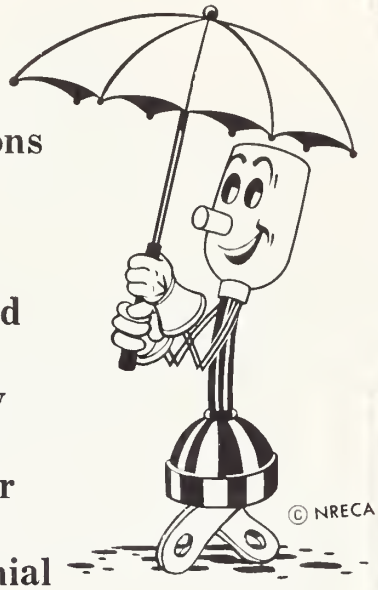

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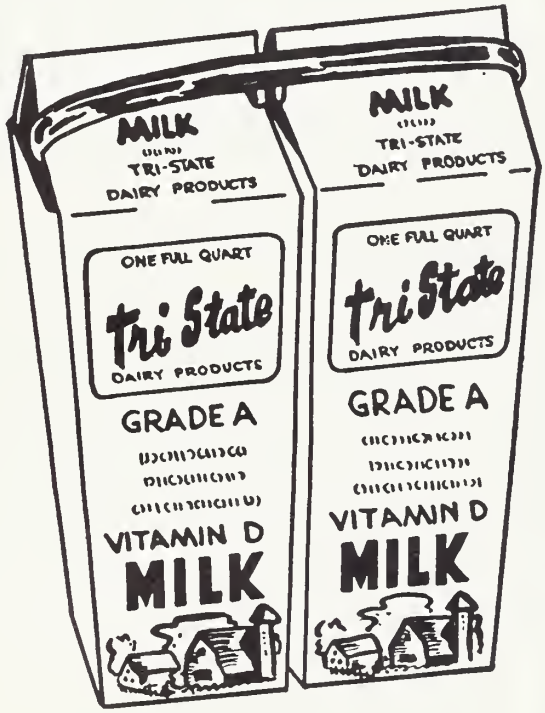

The City Fathers Thought BIG in 1869!!

RESOLUTION

Warsaw, Illinois
December 15, 1869

At a called meeting of the City Council Present Mayor Mussetter, Alderman Brawner, Albers, Kuhlern, Reiman, Hartman and Wilcox.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting dispensed with.

The committee that was appointed to canvass Wilcox, Walker, Wythe and Rocky Run Townships reported. Report received and committees discharged.

Alderman Wilcox offered the following resolution which was adopted. Resolve that we as members of the City Council of the City of Warsaw, Illinois, respectfully ask the convention elected to amend the constitution of the State of Illinois, now in session at Springfield, Illinois to pass an ordinance to be submitted to a vote of the People of said State, ceding jurisdiction to the United States of the Territory embracing the City of Warsaw and the Townships of Wilcox, Wythe, Walker and Rocky Run, being Townships Four (4) North, Nine (9) West, Four (4) North, Eight (8) West, Three (3) North, Eight West and Three (3) North, Nine (9) West in the County of Hancock upon condition that the NATIONAL CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN SAID TERRITORY.

On motion a committee was appointed to represent said City in the premises and to prepare a memorial to said convention for the purpose of procuring the passage of such ordinance and generally to use all lawful means in their power for the purpose of procuring the cession of the Jurisdiction over said territory to the United States upon the conditions aforesaid.

The said committee consisting of B. F. Marsh, J. E. Johnston, S. Mussetter, L. K. Wilcox, Wm. English, Charles Hay and E. E. Lane.

On Motion the Council adjourned.

John K. Simmons,
City Clerk.
Samuel Mussetter,
Mayor.

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Railroads

The Peoria and Warsaw Railroad was authorized under the Internal Improvement Act of Illinois adopted at the 1836-37 Session of the Legislature. It was promptly surveyed and construction started at both ends with grades approaching Warsaw and culverts as far as Carthage. It ended with the State's inability to complete the ambitious plans of expansion.

By a vote of 214 to zero, the City of Warsaw in 1853 voted $25,000 of bonds to purchase stock in each the Mississippi and Wabash and the Warsaw and Rockford Railroad, in addition to $25,000 of bonds for the Warsaw and Augusta Plank Road. Again, in 1855 by a large majority it voted an additional $50,000 of bonds for doubling the amount of investment in each of said railroads, but withheld delivery to the Mississippi and Wabash Railroad until the "iron was laid" between Warsaw and Hamilton. The first locomotive of the Mississippi and Wabash Railroad appears to have been put ashore at Warsaw in 1858 and the line put in operation as far as Carthage in 1859.

In his inaugural address on April 21, 1862, William H. Roosevelt, Mayor of Warsaw, advised that the City had $116,500 in outstanding bonds, $98,000 of which were Railroad Bonds carrying an annual interest charge of $10,000. Litigation from defaulted bonds and compromises in settlements plagued the City for many years.

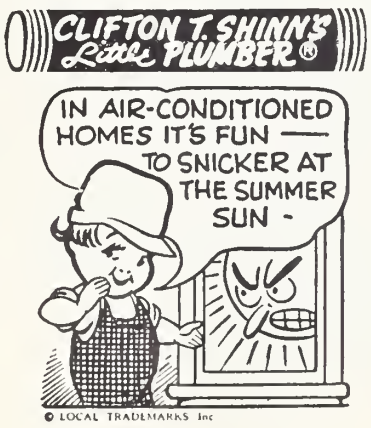
With the incorporation of the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad, the City became possessed of some of its stock under a re-organization that terminated the entry into Warsaw of the Mississippi and Wabash Railroad and the uncompleted Warsaw and Rockford Railroad, which only functioned at its northerly extremity. In 1865, interest in the Alexandria and Bloomfield Railroad, later the Alexandria and Nebraska City Railroad and eventually the Keokuk and Western Railroad, was of such enthusiasm that $10,000 was voted to participate in that Railroad when completed from Alexandria to Luray, Missouri, but payment was rescinded in August, 1871. However, its potential benefits to Warsaw lead to the creation of the Warsaw and Alexandria Bridge Company in 1873 for which surveys were made and representatives sent to Washington, at the expense of the City, to gain approval of the Secretary of War. That effort for a bridge and subsequent efforts had similar finality.

Surveys were made for a Railroad to run southeasterly from Warsaw that had different names at different stages of development and another Railroad was planned to operate from Warsaw to Quincy. At an election in 1869, by a vote of 264 to 8, $50,000 of bonds were authorized for purchase of stock in the Warsaw and Eastern Airline Railroad Company with the condition that the money not be paid until the Railroad was in operation. Again, on June 4, 1870, when Warsaw was envisioned as a Railroad Terminal with a bridge at Warsaw connecting with the Western Railroads through the Alexandria and Nebraska City Railroad, there was again voted $100,000 of bonds for the purchase of capital stock of the Havana, Mason City, Lincoln and Eastern Railroad Company and $60,000 of bonds for the purchase of capital stock of the Quincy and Warsaw Railroad Company with the condition that the money would not be paid until "the Railroad was completed and the cars in operation." The Warsaw and Port Bryon Railroad was incorporated by authority of the Legislature, but no record appears of any effort for its construction.

In 1913, R. O. Marsh undertook construction of an electric railway from Warsaw to Quincy. Much of the grading was done, particularly near the county line, but the financing was in process of procurement in France, resulting in the termination of fulfillment with the outbreak of World War I.

Of all these efforts only the re-organized Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad has ever served Warsaw. Records show that prominent Warsaw families participated in the organization and construction of both the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad and the Alexandria and Nebraska City Railroad. Materials for construction of the Mississippi and Wabash and the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroads were unloaded from boats and barges at Warsaw and the construction proceeded toward Hamilton and thence Eastward to Bushnell.

Present-day transportation — a barge of coal on the Mississippi.



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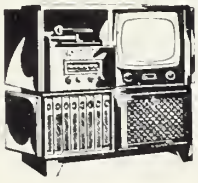

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Parks

Ralston Park was started in 1844 by an appropriation of $100 by the City Council and a donation of $200 from citizens to purchase a square in Ralston Addition. It was the site of many celebrations and band concerts.

In the early 1900's, Henry Bellersheim gave the city a small three-cornered piece of ground located in the south part of the city. Playground equipment has now been added here and also in Ralston Park.

In 1958 a new site of recreation, "Geode Glen" was set aside for public enjoyment. Here can be found veins of geodes, one of the few sources of this geological specimen in the United States. This park is equipped with tables, stoves, a shelter house and rest rooms, an ideal place of recreation for local residents and tourists.

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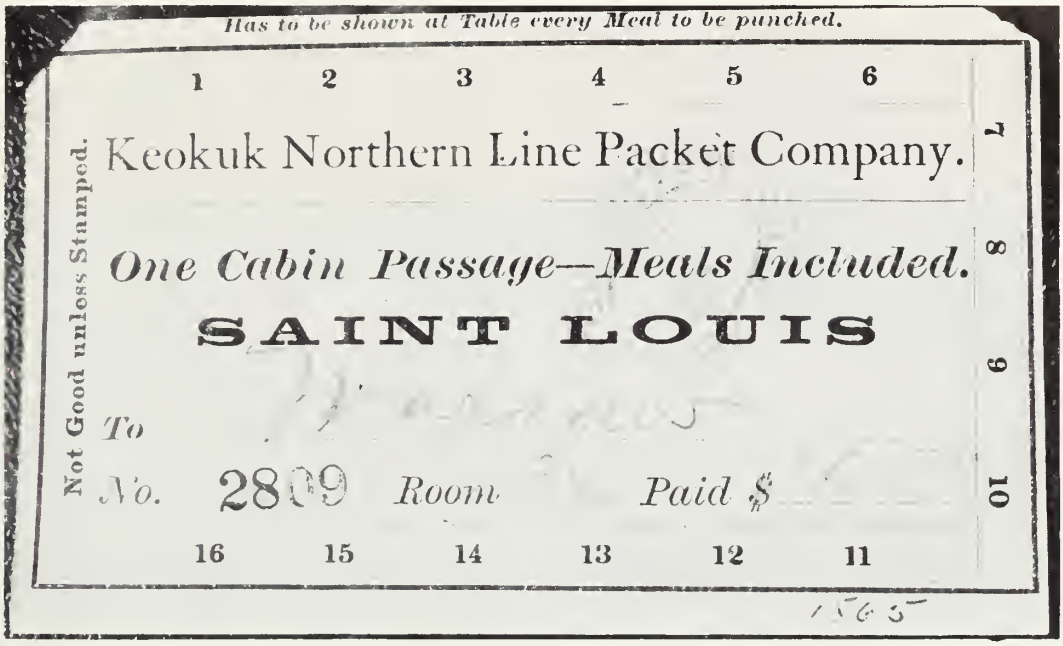

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"Grand Army of the Republic"

The first known veterans organization in Warsaw, was the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic. The following is the charter for that organization which was found to be the property of the American Legion which occupies the Little Brick as its organizational headquarters.

GRAND ARMY of the REPUBLIC

To all unto whom these presents come Greetings. Know Ye, that reposing full trust and confidence in the fidelity and patriotism of Comrades.

Benj T. Marsh
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F. C. Floto
Louis Sack
L. K. Wilcox
Leon J. Roche
Henry Aulage
Peter Kaiser
Wm. S. Grover
A. B. Mackey
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Wm. Sutherland
Samuel Hess
John D. Critchfield
John Eyman
Henry Kenocke
August Elbe
Joseph Bettact

I do hereby in conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, constitute them and their associates and successors a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic to be known as Arthur W. Marsh Post No. Three Hundred and Forty Three, Department of Illinois.

And I authorize and empower them to preform all acts necessary to conduct said organization in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dated at the Headquarters of the Department of Illinois of the Grand Army of the Republic at Elmwood on the 27th day of September in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Three and of our Independence the One Hundred and Eighth.

Signed:
Samuel A. Warper
Department Commander
J. L. Bennett
Ass't Adj. General

American Legion

Following the Grand Army of the Republic, the next organization was the American Legion, which is still an active part of Warsaw. Their local headquarters is the Little Brick, known as the Boyhood school of John Hay. Their Charter reads as follows.

The American Legion
National Headquarters, Meridan Life Building,
Indianapolis, Ind.

This is to certify, that the National Executive Committee of the American Legion hereby grants a Charter to:

Irvin Meyer	S. H. Fluent
Harvey Kerr	A. C. Hammond
Henry Zobel	Wm. G. Fenor
William H. Riley	Clyde T. Jackson
Roy Schmitt	Wm. A. Langhorst
Hugh Russel	Walter J. Giller
Henry Burger	Wm. Bernhardt
Ralph N. Edwards	

for the formation of a post of the American Legion at Warsaw, Department of Illinois under the name of Ralph Parker Post, Department of Illinois No. 682. This charter is granted on the recommendation of the Department Organization and on the following terms and conditions:

1. All acts heretofore duly and properly taken for the formation of the above-named post recognized and confirmed by the National Executive Committee.
2. The above named post shall uphold the declared principle of the American Legion and shall abide by the regulations and decision of the Department Organization and of the National Executive committee, or other duly constituted national governing body of the American Legion.
3. This charter is subject to revocation by the National executive committee, on the recommendation of the Department organization, prior to the National Convention to be held Nov. 11, 1919 and after that date by the proper authority established by the National Convention.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this Third day of September, 1920.

Signed:

William A. McCauley	Franklin D. Olier
Department Commander	Natl. Comm.
William O. Setliffe	Lemuel Bolles
Dept. Adj.	Natl Adj.

1917

Warsaw chapter of the American Red Cross Association was organized May, 1917. Officers were: President, Rev. Dr. Geo. Long; Vice President, Rev. J. M. Thompson; Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Matzke.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Sunday June 10th

Chairmen:
Boat Parade: Wm. Grunewald, LeRoy Erie
Saddle Club: John Yates
Church Services: Frank Izard

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS DAY:

Morning: 150th Anniversary observance in all churches: Theme: "150 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS ENDEAVER IN WARSAW."

12:15 P.M. Boat Parade starts at mouth of Des Moines River. All Boats will be decorated as floats.

12:45 P.M. Arrival of CELEBRATION RAFT AND BOAT PARADE at foot of Main Street.

1:00 P.M. Saddle Club Parade starts at foot of Main Street.

2:00 P.M. SADDLE CLUB HORSE SHOW, at Fair Grounds.

7:30 P.M. Gigantic Balloon Release at Spectacle Site (High School Football Field) 2,000 Helium filled Balloons will be released. Each will have an insert with return address on it.

8:00 P.M. Chicago Community Theatre presents: "Grab and Grace" by Charles Williams. This play contains comedy and is done in Practical Verse. Massed Choirs of Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal Churches will furnish music.

ADDIE MAE EXCURSION BOAT WILL HAVE SCHEDULED RUNS FROM 12 NOON TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY FROM JUNE 12TH THROUGH JUNE 16TH.

Take a scenic ride on TEE PEE WILLIE'S EXPRESS and see scenic Mississippi, Cedar Glen, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. every day. Depot at Brewery Cottage.

Monday June 11th

Chairmen:
Entertainment: Arline Larson & B.P.&W.
Retail Division: Andy Peitzmeier

Old Fashioned Bargain Day: CARTHAGE DAY

All Day: All stores participating. Crazy prices and bargains. All personnel dressed in gay fashions of yesteryear. The streets and stores will be an Historical Paradise of Relics and Antiques, with displays in all windows.

10:00 A.M. CALLIOPE MUSIC
FARM IMPLEMENT DISPLAY on Main Street (all day)

10:30 A.M. Musical Program

1:00 P.M. BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH KANGAROO COURT.

1:00 P.M. Midway opens - Monarch Exposition Shows

2:00 P.M. Style Show and Tea (at the High School)

2:30 P.M. Musical Stuckwisches

3:30 P.M. Musical Stuckwisches

7:15 P.M. Hamilton, Ill. Stage Band.

8:00 P.M. Torch Lite Parade: Everyone participating, in costume.

8:30 P.M. OLD FASHIONED STREET DANCE. Music by "THE SKUNK HOLLOW BRUSH BUSTERS."

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Tuesday June 12th

Chairman:
Entertainment: Rev. Schildbach

Old Fashioned Bargain Day: QUINCY DAY
MONARCH EXPOSITION SHOWS ON THE MIDWAY
All Day: All stores participating in Crazy prices and Bargains.

10:00 A.M. Calliope

11:00 A.M. To be announced

1:00 P.M. CELEBRATION BELLES KANGAROO COURT

1:00 P.M. Monarch Exposition Shows - Midway

2:00 P.M. To be announced

3:00 P.M. To be announced

4:00 P.M. To be announced

7:45 P.M. Pre-Spectacle entertainment: MacNamara's Band from Keokuk.

8:00 P.M. SESQUICENTENNIAL QUEEN'S CORONATION. Guard of Honor presents the Queen to her subjects. The Queen is then presented her crown by attending dignitary. Followed by presentation of awards to Princesses of the Court of Honor.

8:30 P.M. PREMIER PERFORMANCE OF "WARSAW'S ANNIVERSARY ALBUM," with a cast of 250 people. Followed by Gigantic Fireworks display by Paramount.

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Wednesday June 13th

Chairmen:
Entertainment: Richard Murphy, Lowell Metternich

Old Fashioned Bargain Day: LAST DAY OF CRAZY PRICES AND BARGAINS ALL STORES PARTICIPATING.

10:30 A.M. Calliope Music

11:00 A.M. Girls Trio: Nancy Schilling, Janet Metternich, Connie Rogers.

11:30 A.M. BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH KANGAROO COURT

12:00 Noon Merchants Fish Fry: Entertaining Mayors and Dignitaries from surrounding area. (Brewery Cottage)

12:00 Noon OLD TIMERS BOX LUNCH AND PICNIC: Ralston Park

1:00 P.M. Monarch Exposition Shows - Midway

2:00 P.M. Mens Quartette

3:00 P.M. Mens Quartette from Fairfield, Iowa

4:00 P.M. CELEBRATION BELLES KANGAROO COURT

8:00 P.M. Mens Quartette at Spectacle Site

8:30 P.M. SPECTACLE: Second Performance, "WARSAW'S ANNIVERSARY ALBUM," with a cast of 250 people. Followed by gigantic FIREWORKS DISPLAY BY PARAMOUNT.

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11:00 A.M. BICYCLE RACES: Awards for winning boy and girl.
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1.00 P.M. Monarch Exposition Shows - Midway

2:00 P.M. Little League ALL STAR BALL GAME: Award for winning team.

2:00 P.M. KANGAROO COURTS: BELLES AND BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH.

3:00 P.M. TEEN AGERS SOCK HOP with Mike May, Prominent Disk Jockey of WGEM presiding. (High School)

3:00 P.M. Greased Pig Contest

8:00 P.M. Ray Bordewick and His Boy Scout Indian Troup from Quincy.

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10:00 A.M. Calliope; CELEBRATION BELLES WILL CONDUCT AN "OLD HOMES TOUR."

11:00 A.M. BASCO ENTERTAINERS and KANGAROO COURT

1:00 P.M. Monarch Exposition Shows - Midway

2:00 P.M. Warsaw Belles Trio

2:00 P.M. Style Show - and Tea.

3:00 P.M. Wallet Musical Trio

3:00 P.M. Final Judging of CELEBRATION BELLES COSTUMES. Awards for Best Costumed family group.

3:30 P.M. LeRoy the Magician

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8:30 P.M. SPECTACLE: Fourth Performance of "WARSAW'S ANNIVERSARY ALBUM," followed by Gigantic Fireworks Display by Paramount.

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11:00 A.M. Placing a Wreath at Ft. Edwards Monument in memory of Wad Dead and Past Pioneers.

1:00 P.M. Monarch Exposition Shows - Midway

2:00 P.M. Time Capsule Ceremony: Capsule to be opened 100 years from date.

2:30 P.M. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, officially opening the Warsaw Branch of the Great River Road. Ribbon will be Cut at the Hamilton end. Guest speaker will be D. M. Costello, District Engineer, State Highway Department. Mayors from Hamilton, Keokuk, Nauvoo, Carthage and Warsaw will participate.

3:30 P.M. Grand Parade consisting of Floats, Bands, Marching Units, etc.

8:00 P.M. Final Judging of the Brothers of the Brush and Celebration Belles. Prizes will be given for the most authentic period costumes, most colorful period costume and the best costumed family group.

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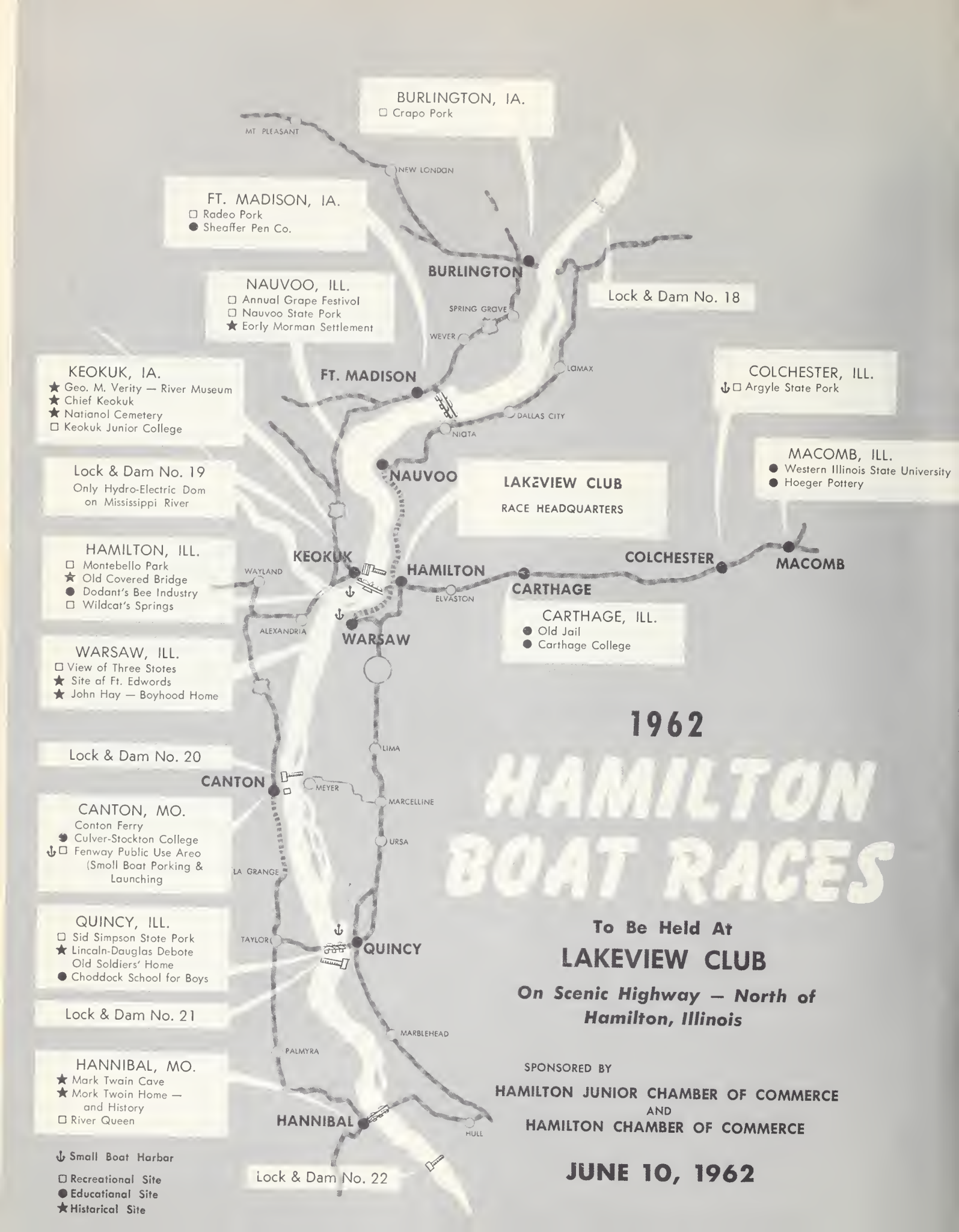
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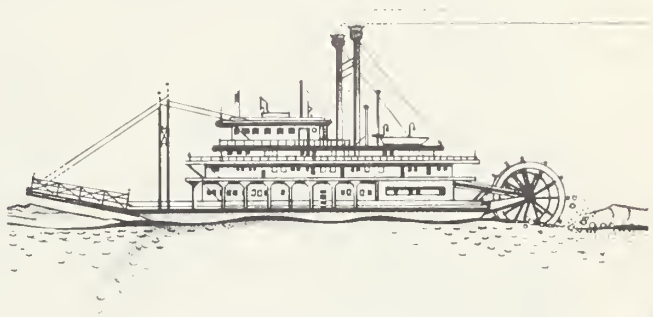

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Conrad Nagel

The New York Times of January 5th had the appended story, the rise to fame of Conrad Nagel, son of professor Frank Nagel, himself a former Warsaw boy, and the grandson of Conrad Nagel, long a prominent factor in Warsaw business circles.

Conrad Nagel of "Forever After" has won the post of leading man on Broadway at the age of 21. Given the opportunities, Nagel has taken advantage of them and has thus leaped entirely the park-bench and office-boy periods which a majority of successful Thespians are compelled to live through.

Nagel came comparatively recently from a Des Moines stock company. His father is a musician fairly well known in the midwest and his mother is an accomplished pianist, so the boy's artistic tendencies did not even find the customary parental opposition. At 17 he was a dramatic reader on the midwest Chautauqua Circuit and it was from this work that he leaped to the Des Moines Stock Company. He began with character bits but advancement in a stock company is rapid and before the season was over he was playing juvenile leads.

Last summer before "Forever After" was written, Nagel enlisted in the navy and during September after the play had settled down at the Central he was called. It so happened that he was detailed to duty at the headquarters of the 3rd Naval District where he worked during the day and with the permission of the authorities was enabled to play at night.

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History Of The Eagle Packet Company

The Waterways Journal of April 19, 1919, published the following history of The Eagle Packet Company, an organization that had its inception in Warsaw and grew to great proportions.

Among the original incorporators were Capt. J. R. Williams of Warsaw and Captain Grant Hill of Alexandria, the former living to celebrate his centennial anniversary and the latter attained his 90th year. The history is of interest to all persons residing along this stretch of river and especially to older residents.

In 1849, Henry Leyhe brought his young wife and two boys, William and Henry, aged 6 and 8 years, from Germany, to this promised land of which such marvelous tales had reached them of unlimited opportunity. They landed at New Orleans after a long and tiresome trip of three months sea life, and they continued their journey up the Mississippi to St. Louis. After a short time they moved to Warsaw, Illinois at the junction of the Des Moines and Mississippi, which at that time was the center of a vast timber country and of teeming river activity. Here Mr. Leyhe built a large sawmill and settled down with his family to learn and live the ways of this strange new world.

In 1850 a boy's dream was to build a ship to float the great Father of Waters. Steamboating in those days was the only mode of transportation of commodities and of passenger travel except by vehicle. It is not strange that boys raised to the environment of river life as these boys were should play at being captain and owning a steamboat. As they grew older they learned how to build rafts and skiffs and to handle every kind of boat that plied the waters near their little town. In 1861 when Henry was 20 and William was 18 years of age, they determined to build and operate their own boat even though they built it themselves without the aid of modern machinery which we have in these days. So they set out with an axe on their shoulders and a double team of oxen to select the choicest walnut logs that would later be sawed into long straight timber to lay the hull of this first boat.

Such was the beginning of the Eagle Packet Company. They named this boat The Young Eagle with William as President and Henry as Manager. This boat was 80 feet long and 14 feet wide and operated between Warsaw and Keokuk. In 1863 they had so prospered that two more boats were needed and they built the R. E. Hill and The Eagle; in 1864, The Amorath, and in 1865 The Grey Eagle. All of these boats were built at Warsaw. In 1872 they built the first Spread Eagle at Madison, Ind.

Like Betsy Ross of Revolutionary fame, young Mrs. William Leyhe, to surprise her husband, made the flag carried on The Young Eagle on her maiden trip. She gathered her girlhood friends together and sewed for many days, making tiny stars of white and long red stripes of silk. This flag was carried at the mast of The Young Eagle throughout the Civil War and its wind-split and sun-faded remnants are treasured by the family.

In 1874 the offices of The Eagle Packet Company were moved to St. Louis, operating up the Illinois River as far as Peoria and south to Commerce, Mo.

Henry Leyhe, captain of their first boat and designer of all their boats, designed and supervised the construction of The Peoria. This boat was the culmin-

ation of their dreams, 240 feet long by 38 feet wide with the most modern machinery and costing $100,000. At the time of launching of the Peoria, The Eagle Packet Company was in the zenith of its career. They could justly feel proud of a long and successful business enterprise.

The Spread Eagle in charge of Captain Wm. Leyhe, Sr., carried over 25,000 passengers between St. Louis and Alton in 1903 during one of the worst floods in the history of the Mississippi River without a single accident, delay or inconvenience and navigators know how difficult it is to manage a boat in a raging flood. The Bald Eagle in charge of Captain Harry Leyhe, son of the late Captain Henry, also did heroic work during this flood.

In January, 1918, the entire fleet with the exception of one boat, The Bald Eagle, was in its winter quarters at the mouth of the Tennessee River at Paducah. This had been considered a safe harbor by all steamboat owners for many years, but during the extremely hard winter of 1918 the entire fleet was destroyed by ice. This was an entire financial loss as none of the boats was covered by insurance. The courage and perseverance that prompted the building of their first boat came to the front in the younger generation, Henry, William and Harry, and sustained them in this sweeping away of the accumulation of two generations as inevitable and to put their shoulders to the wheel and to build again as in the beginning. They bought and completely remodeled and rebuilt two new boats, which thev named The Golden Eagle and The Piasa; these with The Bald Eagle that was saved carried on their trade the following season.

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A Word Picture of Warsaw in 1837

Extract from an address of Wm. N. Grover, Esq., of Warsaw in 1871 to the Pioneer's Association, describing the county on a trip he made from Carthage to Warsaw in 1837:

"When the Black Hawk war broke out, the population of the county was still very small and thinly scattered and many settlers left the county for awhile. There were no actual depredations here by the Indians but there was, perhaps, just reason for apprehensions of danger. Fort Edwards was then standing upon that point, within 100 yards of this square. It had been abandoned some years before as a military post, but the buildings were then in possession of Col. Farnham, an agent of the Government and by his permission a number of men and a few families took shelter and protected themselves, if necessary. Among these were Col. Farnham, Mark Aldrich and his wife, Isham Cochrane and his wife and James M. Wells. Among them was an Indian woman who was married to a white man and it is stated that she stood in more fear of an attack from Indians than any of the pale-faced women at the Fort.

"I have a distinct recollection of the appearance of the county from Carthage to Warsaw in 1837. Coming west from Carthage, the first house was then owned by Wm. A. Patterson. The next was the Chapman place. The next places improved were the farms of Benjamin F. Marsh and Gotham Clark, side by side. This brought us to the edge of what was then generally called "The Warsaw timber". From thence, to Warsaw we passed Truman Hosford's, Bartholomew Slattery's, the Vineyard farm, (the latter now part of Warsaw) and Mark Aldrich's and from thence down a winding road through small timber and hazel brush to Andrew Monroe's, (where Elliott's store now stands). At this point, we got upon Main Street, and passed a little frame building they used as a meeting house, and three other one-story frame houses of a single room each, on the south side of the street, one used by James Chittenden as a saddler shop, one by Samuel W. Brown and Wm. McIlhenny, as a tailor shop, one by Smith Robbins, as a sort of fancy grocery. On the other side of the street was a two-story frame house, unfinished, by R. L. Robertson. This brought us to the "Warsaw House" then kept by mine host, "Old Man Newberry" as the boarders irreverently called him; and here I slept my first night in a house after five months' railroad exploration.

I do not think there were then in all our large prairies a hundred improvements a mile distant from timber. The few roads across the prairies followed the most favorable ground for settlement, regardless of section lines; and in some directions you might travel for hours without seeing a house or enclosure. If the direction of the beaten road did not suit, you had full liberty of taking short and direct cuts to your journey's end."

November, 1867

The St. Louis Sunday Times states that Warsaw is as pleasant a place as any on the river. The location is high and healthy. It is considered one of the largest shipping points between Keokuk and Quincy and is vastly important to St. Louis but Chicago is offering extra inducements to gain her trade by assisting in completing the Toledo Peoria and Warsaw Railroad which the contractors say will be completed in a couple of weeks.

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When the T. P. & W. Railroad came to Warsaw in the sixties, mail was brought to the foot of Main Street. The Railroad Company paid for hauling the mail up the hill to the Post Office. When the railroad discontinued mail service to Warsaw, it was ferried across the river from the railroad at Alexandria. One of the early captains of the ferry boats was John Rose and another Captain George Redeforth, ferried the mail from 1900 to 1913. From that time until 1951, Walter Wallett, assisted by his son Norman, hauled the mail across the river by boat when the river was open and by horse and spring wagon when the ice was thick enough to bear the weight - a hazardous undertaking during the ice floe season.

Sometime in the 1880's the Post Office was moved to the building now occupied by the furniture department of the Gamble Store where it remained until 1960 when the new Post Office was built.

The new Post Office was opened November 1, 1960 with James C. Thompson, Postmaster.

January 18, 1918

Strenuous has been the work of the Wallett boys, who carry the mails between Warsaw and Alexandria these cold blizzardy days and from the result of the exposure Lee was in bed for several days last week and Walter was chilled to exhaustion Friday. Crossing the river part of the way through the ice in face of a 50-mile gale and a heavy fall of snow makes life in the trenches but a summer picnic in comparison.

Postmasters Through The Years

Postmaster	Date of Appointment
Mark Aldrich	1834
Robert L. Robertson	1839
George Rockwell	1841
E. A. Bedell	1845
Lemuel Mussetter	1846
Henry Chesseldine	1849
George Rockwell	1850
J. C. Codner	1851
George W. Thatcher	1853
J. O. Butler	1857
Jo Burton	1859
Charles Hay	1861
H. M. Browner	1866
J. C. Coolidge	1867
Oliver Edwards	1869
Joseph Baird	1870
J. G. Johnston	1877
Charles Wiesemann	1886
E. P. Becker	1889
George P. Walker	1894
James F. Crawford	1897
Milton T. Hunt	1908
Charles J. Paar	1916
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Henry Zobel	1932
Esper Ziegler	1936
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The Free Public Library built in 1916 at a cost of $7,000.

The Kruskopf hardware store. Paul Lichtenberger, left, and Carl Kruskopf, right.

The firm of Eckbohm and Dross - Mr. Eckbohm seated in center.

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At a meeting of the City Council, the Mayor stated that Mr. Haggerty, the well digger, had informed him that the flow of the artesian well could be restored and the expense would probably be from $300 to $500, but that he would not guarantee a flow. Many have used the water and believe it had beneficial medicinal properties. No action taken.

March 12, 1915

The Mississippi Valley Telephone Company have purchased from The Hill-Dodge Banking Company, the old bank building, the west part of which will be used for Exchange purposes. The front room will be the operating room while the rear room will be used for rest and reading room for operators.

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July 27, 1917

Warsaw experienced the same excitement that prevailed the country over Friday last, when the drawing at Washington for the selective draft army was in progress; and naturally great interest centered in the first numbers drawn. as these indicated the men who would be first called to the colors. The first number drawn that applied to a Warsaw man was 837, Ray Cronk being the individual. the second local number, 1117, applied to Frank Link.

Sept. 7, 1917

First contingent of Hancock County's quota in the National Army left Carthage Wednesday morning at 9:00 for Camp Dodge.

June 12, 1897

The iron arches for the park entrances, the gift of Albert G. Sherer of New York, have arrived and are in place. They are light and attractive and in keeping with the surroundings. There are four for the entrances for pedestrians, and one, bearing thereon "Ralston Park" spans the carriage entrance. The arches and irons are kindly and generous remembrances from successful Warsaw boys, and these gifts are to be supplimented by others from other parties — The young ladies are considering a project to provide lawn swings, and the city will probably add more seats for the park is a popular resort these summer evenings.

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The members of the Fort Edwards Monument Commission first met in October of 1913. They were: Hon. John H. Hungate of LaHarpe, Judge Scofield of Carthage, Judge William Franklin of Macomb, Mr. Louis Lamet and Mr. Phil Dallam of Warsaw. Mr. Dallam was the chairman of the Commission and Mr. Lamet, the secretary.

The total cost of the monument was $7,390. Of this amount the state paid $2,500 and the remainder was raised by local and non-resident subscriptions.

After all expenses were paid, there were sufficient funds remaining to put a cement walk around the base and to plant a low hedge to protect the terrace, two suggestions made by Mr. M. Dibelka, the State architect.

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Picture of 1960 flood taken from "Time."

High Waters

All the years in which the Mississippi rose to unusual height are not available, but as far back as 1835, 1851, 1853 the water covered the whole valley from bluff to bluff making a broad expanse of water from two to seven miles wide. At Warsaw, and between that and Lima Lake, the whole of that rich and valuable bottom land was overflowed to a depth of several feet; while on the opposite side, it extended to the sand ridge five miles away, leaving Alexandria from four to eight feet under water. This was the town that Mark Twain said came up every now and then to breathe.

In 1880, Mr. Thomas Gregg said in his "History of Hancock County", "But it will be observed that the "Father of Waters" is by slow degrees gradually diminishing in volume. These high stages are becoming less frequent". Little did he dream that over the next eighty years, so little progress would be made in taming the old Mississippi, that in 1960 would come the flood that, although the damages created were small as compared with the good old days before the massive dam system slowed the major tributaries, was still so devastating and so spectacular as to attract nation-wide interest via television and magazines.

The April 18, 1960 issue of "Time" Magazine had this to say of our local catastrophe:

"On a cold and starless night early last week, gaunt, red-eyed men patrolled the Mississippi levees near the Illinois town of Meyer (pop. 73), 18 miles upriver from Quincy. They walked in an eerie bath of spotlights, casting their flashlight beams over the tops and sides of the sand-and-soil embankments, looking for soil that had chinked away and for the brown tongue of the river flicking over the top. On the riverside, the great Mississippi growled heavily along, swollen by spring rains and by the countless acres of melting snow that boiled into the feeder streams and into the big river itself. The spring floods - the annual ritual of turbulence and destruction on the Mississippi - had begun, trying once again the dogged perseverance of the thousands of families along the river. Along the levees, hope was scarce. Aided by police, Red Cross workers, National Guardsmen and college youngsters, the farmers worked round the clock to raise the levee with sand bags as the river continued to rise. Farmer Elmer Meyer was prepared for the worst: "If we had a million sandbags, we couldn't do it," he said. "It's awful. We have to keep making the levee higher where the water is topping over and we can't strengthen it in back. You can't tame the old Mississippi." THE BREAK. Then it happened. At 1:55 in the morning, the levee broke on Joe Caldwell's rich soybean, corn and wheat bottom land. Nobody was right on the spot as the swollen river exploded through the levee, but everybody heard the agonizing roar of water as it rushed over the top and tore a hole in the dike. Instantly, state highway patrol cars sped through the area with red lights spinning and sirens shieking; it was the signal to move out . . .

The river moved in and rose, flooding 28,500 acres in the district. After dawn, farmers returned to their land in boats, opening windows in farmhouses to ease the pressure on walls. . . .

THE COMEBACK - As the week wore on, the river relented. Men in boats cruised up and down salvaging furniture and other possessions. In the fields, mice clung to cornstalks, cats perched in trees, sows and anxious little pigs sunned and scampered on the high stretches of levee that held. Throughout the whole flood area between Keokuk and Hannibal, Army engineers and other officials counted the damages of the spring floods at $9,000,000.

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Best Buy Foods

A new industry in Warsaw is the Best Buy Foods owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Zimmerman. Here frozen pie and tart shells are made. The business is housed in a building on Main Street built by Ed. McMurray in 1946 for a cold storage plant. This plant was managed by Theodore Katz.

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Fish Story

David Clark caught a catfish just above the city Monday night, June 23rd, 1862, which was 5 feet in length and weighed 125 pounds.

First Gas Buggies

April 8, 1904 — Warsaw is to have 3 automobiles, all first class machines of the Rambler make. Two are to be touring cars of 16 H.P., one for H. A. Brinkman, one for Geo. Bott. The third is to be for D. B. Hillman and will be of 8 H.P. Doubtless others will follow.

1857—Treat 'Em Rough

At 10:00 last night after a thief was dismissed, the Vigilante Committee surrounded his house and at a slight noise, out popped the thief who was brought to the ground by gun shots and now lies in the Justice office badly wounded. The house was searched and his accomplice found. He was taken to the river, tarred, feathered, his head shaved and sent down the river in a boat. He told that the stolen goods were hidden in a vault in the graveyard.

May, 1879

Another shipment of 10,000 yards of Army flannel to Philadelphia was made by the Warsaw Woolen Mills this week.

1878

Miss Hester's English, French and German school for girls opened Monday in the Mansion House on 2nd Street. Two terms of 18 weeks each constitute a school year. Tuition payable at the middle of the term is $15.00.

1859—Injun Tramps

A number of half-clad Indians, male and female were around our city one afternoon, begging food and clothing. As usual, the curiosity of the children was so great that they followed them around altho at a more respectful distance than they would a circus.

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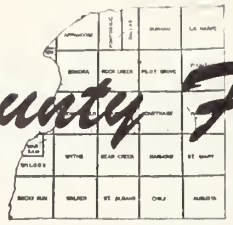

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A Roosevelt in Illinois Legislature

Warsaw representative in the Legislature is Major W. H. Roosevelt, (not Teddy, but a cousin of Teddy's father) figuring in the opening of the session of January 1859 which re-elected Senator Douglas after his famous debate with Lincoln.

1859—Celebration

Major Roosevelt, yesterday afternoon raised a flag on his housetop in honor of his election. In the evening, Major Roosevelt gave a grand blow-out for his friends who we doubt not appreciated his hock and sherry as we only judge from the noise they made on their return from the Major's illuminated mansion.

Tax Levy

The total amount of taxable property listed for taxation in the city of Warsaw for the year 1859 was estimated to be $1,437,650. The tax levied was 50c on each one hundred dollars, assessed valuation.

1859—Gold, Boys!

The Pikes Peak gold fever was raging in January, 1859 and the Bulletin notes that "it was affecting some of our rich and influential men who were making preparations to start across the plains. Teams were bought and arrangements made for six months' provisions."

Congratulations,

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Chickens, per dozen	$2.00 to $2.50
Eggs, per dozen	12c to 15c
Butter	25c per lb.
Hams	18c per lb.
Winter Wheat	$1.80
Spring Wheat	$1.25
Corn	.40 to .45
Oats	.25 to .30

March 26, 1861

City Council passed an ordinance fixing the salary of the Mayor at $150 per year and the pay of Alderman at $1.00, for each regular or called meeting.

1864—Inflation Even Then

Gold reached 270 in New York but fell the next week to 230 which means that a one dollar greenback was worth 37c in purchasing power and the laborer who was receiving $2.00 per day, then considered exhorbitant wages, was really getting but 75c.

Play Ball!

BASEBALL was started in Warsaw in 1867 and was so popular that many stores closed at 4:00 p.m. to permit clerks and proprietors to play.

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Cyrus P. Adams, born May 25, 1822. He came to Warsaw in 1858 and brought the first locomotive on the T. P. & W. and W. R. R. to Warsaw. He was a master mechanic and assistant superintendent of the Railroad until 1862. Soon thereafter he opened the "Adams House" which was located at the present site of Green's Welding Shop. In its day, its excellent accommodations and cuisine lured railroad men and "drummers" to plan their schedules to spend weekends there. Local society also made it the scene of many impressive social events.

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Fenor Shoe Store

In 1870, William Fenor was making boots and shoes at the location now occupied by the V. F. W. hall. Later he occupied a building next to the present Warsaw Hardware store where he sold shoes in the front of the store and made them in the rear. His son William joined the business in 1917 but was called to service in the First World War. After the war, young William Fenor started a shoe shop at the corner of Main and Fourth where the filling station now stands. In the spring of 1920, he moved to his present Main Street location.

From Warsaw Signal — Jan. 21, 1852 Warsaw House

The subscriber begs leave to inform the public that he still occupies the Warsaw House, situated at the corner of Main and Washington Streets, immediately on top of the bluff, convenient to the Steam Boat Landing and in the business part of town — and that he has thoroughly repaired the same; built good stabling for horses and a good carriage house, and is now ready for the reception of company; and would say to the traveling community that his house is more conveniently situated for your comfort and business than any other house in town. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! always call at the sign of the Warsaw House — where you will find ready for your reception.

Your humble Servant,
V. Wilson.

June 5, 1867—Robbers!

The store rooms of Johnston & Hunt were entered last night and silk hats, clothing, shoes and groceries were taken in the amount of $1500.00.

Shiley's Drug Store

H. A. Brinkman, druggist and apothecary, first served as apprentice, then purchased an interest in the stock and in 1867 bought the entire store. He carried a line of drugs, medicines, paints, oils, varnishes, lamps, fancy goods, perfumery, sponges and so forth. In 1936, Ralph Shiley purchased this business and has operated it for 26 years.

EXTRY! EXTRY!

April 13, 1888—Next week the "Bulletin" will issue a large extra edition which is to be circulated in Clark County, Mo. The papers are paid for and circulated through the liberality of Messrs. C. E. Eymann, H. A. Brinkman, M. C. Eckbohm, Dross & Co., and Messrs. Wolf and Ehlebe, and we trust their enterprise may be amply rewarded.

Kirkpatrick Jewelry

Levi P. Kennedy started a jewelry store in town in 1861. In 1891, ownership was by K. C. Pedersen. James Kirkpatrick, father of the present owner, bought the business in 1907. David Kirkpatrick has operated the store since 1941.

Bakery

Eckbohm, Dross and Co.

M. C. Eckbohm Store

In 1867, M. C. Eckbohm started a hardware store, selling hardware, groceries, farm machinery and vehicles. Soon after, he and Henry Dross formed a partnership under the name of Eckbohm, Dross and Company. Later the partnership dissolved; Henry Dross continuing with groceries and M. C. Eckbohm the hardware and farm machinery. Charles Lockhart, the present owner, a son-in-law of the original proprietor, has been in business since 1907.

Believe it or not—

Warsaw had an honest-to-goodness daily newspaper back in 1859. It was called "The Warsaw Daily Bulletin." The publishing company was located in the third story of Wagley's Block. The May 26, 1859 issue advertises the "Daily Bulletin" as being published every morning except Sunday. Terms—$5.00 per year in advance.

Our Newspaper

The first newspaper, "The Western World," was published in 1840. After a succession of changes in ownership and name, the paper became "The Warsaw Bulletin" under the editorship of Phillip Dallam and was successfully operated for 50 years. The paper was purchased from the Dallam estate in 1928 by Verle Kramer and operated for 20 years. Since then, it has been owned successively by D. Van Quackenbush, David Gregory, Van Quackenbush and the present owners, Edna Scott, Editor and Thomas E. and Richard F. Scott, publishers.

Neves Barber Shop

A barber shop has been continuously in operation on Main Street between Fourth and Fifth since 1898 when it was started by Ernest Longenecker. At present, Marvin Neves is owner.

Do you remember—

In 1877 the Temperance Tabernacle was erected by the Red Ribbon Club and the Temperance Organization formed here at that time. This building later known as the "Opera House" was remodeled in the early 1900's by Mr. Fred Ratterman, who gave to many of the present oldsters in Warsaw their first glimpse of the magic of the theater. Many people recall the nightly plays given by such companies as the Winninger Brothers. Later Charles Winninger became famous on the radio and screen. This building was situated on the present site of the fire station.

The Warsaw Brewing Corporation

"In 1860, Rudolph Giller established a small brewery. When Mr. Giller died in 1861, Martin Popel continued to operate the brewery. In 1880, John H. Giller, Rudolph's son, joined the company and it became known as Popel and Giller. In 1897, the brewery was remodeled and the name changed to "Popel and Giller Brewing Company."

(Taken from "One Hundred Years of Brewing" published by H. S. Rich & Co., Chicago & New York, 1903)

In 1935, after Oscar Ellis of Moline purchased the Burgemeister Brewing Co. the name was changed to The Warsaw Brewing Corporation. In 1937, Joseph J. Weiss became Master Brewer and General Manager. Under his management, the brewery became the modern, progressive plant it is today. In 1941, Mr. Weiss was named Executive Vice President. After his death in 1958, Harold Paar was appointed Vice President and General Manager. Ray Froman is Brew Master.

1862—Berry Festival

In June of 1862 the ladies of the Presbyterian Church held a strawberry festival in the basement.

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"Spunky Point"

The soldiers at Fort Edwards in 1814 were friendly with the Indians nearby. One day a young Indian brave came to the Fort riding a spirited horse. One of the soldiers remarked that he had a "spunky" horse. Because of the language difficulty, the brave could not understand the word "spunky". So, looking down at the river where the rapids ran close to the Point, the soldier said, "Lively, like the river." But the Indian still did not understand. He thought the soldier was talking about the Fort and the bend in the river, so the brave called it "Spunky Bend." Later it became "Spunky Point" and was known by that name until the 1830's.

HOW WARSAW GOT ITS NAME

Perhaps one of the most familiar tales of Warsaw history is the one concerning the changing of its name from "Spunky Point" to the present "Warsaw". It happened that among the books read by "society" at that time was one by the name of "Thaddeus of Warsaw". This name seemed to strike the fancy of certain citizens so the town was called "Warsaw" thereafter, much to the disgust of John Hay who writes "Towns are absurdly named. I lived at Spunky Point on the Mississippi River—this is a graphic and characteristic title of geographical significance, but some idiots just before I was born, who had read Miss Porter's "Thaddeus of Warsaw," thought "Warsaw" would be more genteel so we are Nicodemussed into nothingness for the rest of time. I hope every man who was engaged in this outrage is called "Smith" in Heaven."

1879

Coopers have made and are making thousands of apple barrels, John Weigand alone has turned out 5,000 and is making 200 daily.

1908

The ladies of the Methodist Church served a 6:00 o'clock dinner Wednesday in the I.O.O.F. Hall. The menu included roast veal, slaw, mashed potatoes and dessert. THE PRICE WAS 25c!!!!!

1907

By far the best yield of wheat yet reported was that raised by Fred and George Wollbrink in Walker township. 15 acres returning an average of 46 bushels per acre.

1908

J. B. Phelps of Basco has started a roller skating rink in the lower room of the I.O.O.F. Hall and skating is all the rage here.

1908

Riding horses are quite the vogue. First Frank Marsh invested in two, then Charles C. Crawford bought one. Lately Louis Brinkman presented one to his son Gerald and last week, Miss Julia Edwards received a fine saddler from Bowling Green, Mo.

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From the Warsaw "Signal" Nov. 13, 1852

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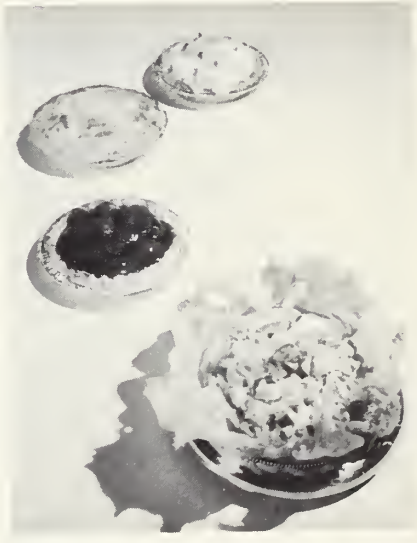

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Firsts

The first Post Office was established in 1834 with Mark Aldrich as Postmaster.

The first County election was held at Fort Edwards on the first Monday in August, 1829. The Fort had been abandoned for five years.

1867: The first fire equipment.

1835: The first school (private).

1855: The first School Board elected.

1864: The first class to complete the prescribed course of study.

1833: The first marriage in Warsaw, a half breed girl, Louisa Muir was married to a Mr. Van Arsdal.

1873: The first Japanese child was born in the United States, at the Adams House to the wife of the chief performer of a Japanese troupe.

1878: The first roller skating rink was at the Tabernacle.

1835: The first hotel was the "Warsaw House".

1840: The first newspaper "The Western World".

Early Settlers

No community could be developed without the "tillers of the soil". In the '20's and '30's they came by the dozens, choosing sites near streams for water, fish and shells. — Puritans from Massachusetts, cavaliers from Kentucky — others from Ohio, Vermont, Virginia and South Carolina.

The earliest of record was James Peyton who came from Kentucky in 1830 and settled in Wilcox township. The Indians were free and frequent visitors at his home. Chief Black Hawk was said to have visited him.

Thomas Crawford, also from Kentucky, came in 1832. His son, James F. Crawford, was born in this county in 1851 and continued to live on the farm his father occupied and completed the beautiful residence his father started just before he died. This house still stands and is known as the "Old Crawford Place", now occupied by Mrs. Jerry Clark and family.

From South Carolina came Robert Gillham, who settled in Walker township in 1835.

James T. Johnson came from Ohio at an early age. His chief interest was horticulture. He was the proprietor of the farm known as "Orchard Home" and described as "one of the most comfortable and profitable farms in Hancock County, handsomely situated on one of the high bluffs on the Mississippi".

Asaph C. Hammond came with his family in 1846, settling in Wythe Township, where he also was interested in horticulture and was said to have had an orchard of 130 acres.

Cooperages

The cooperage business was one of Warsaw's first industries. Thousands of barrels were made yearly for the shipment of lard, meat, apples, cider, flour, whiskey and wine. There were many individual cooper shops, but the three largest were operated by John Weigand, C. Bott and Charles Weisemann.

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